

IMF case is not closed?

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NEW YORK (AP) — Lawyers for Dominique Strauss-Kahn met with prosecutors Wednesday for what the defense called a productive discussion, but there was no immediate word on what would happen to the sexual assault case that has been threatened by doubts about the accuser's credibility.



Former IMF head Dominique Strauss-Kahn, left, leaves his rented house escorted by security, Wednesday, July 6, 2011, in New York.

(AP Photo/Seth Wenig)

The two sides met privately for about 90 minutes in Manhattan District Attorney Cyrus R. Vance Jr.'s offices, but participants were tightlipped about the exchange, which came five days after prosecutors said the accuser had not been truthful about her background and the aftermath of the alleged attack.

Lawyers for the former leader of the International Monetary Fund called the session with Vance and assistant prosecutors "constructive." Vance's office said only that it was continuing to investigate and that no decisions had been made about the case's future.

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Window Of Opportunity



President Barack Obama tweets during a "Twitter Town Hall" in the East Room of the White House in Washington, Wednesday, July 6, 2011. President Obama will be meeting with House and Senate leaders from both parties at the White House to further negotiations on the debt limit today.

(AP Photo/Charles Dharapak)

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President, GOP look to broader deal in deficit talks

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WASHINGTON — Heading into a crucial negotiating session on a budget deal today, President Barack Obama has raised his sights and wants to strike a far-reaching agreement on cutting the federal deficit as House Speaker John A. Boehner has signaled new willingness to bargain on revenues.

Obama, who is to meet at the White House with the bipartisan leadership of Congress in an effort to work out an agreement to raise the federal debt limit, wants to move well beyond the \$2 trillion in savings sought in earlier negotiations and seek perhaps twice as much over the next decade, Democratic officials briefed on the ne-

gotiations said Wednesday.

The president's renewed efforts follow what knowl-

edgeable officials said was an overture from Boehner, who met secretly with Obama last weekend, to

consider as much as \$1 trillion in unspecified new revenues as part of an overhaul of tax laws in ex-

change for an agreement that made substantial spending cuts, including in such social programs as Medicare and Medicaid.

The intensifying negotiations between the president and the speaker have congressional Democrats growing anxious, worried they will be asked to accept a deal that is too heavily tilted toward Republican efforts and produces too little new revenue relative to the magnitude of the cuts.

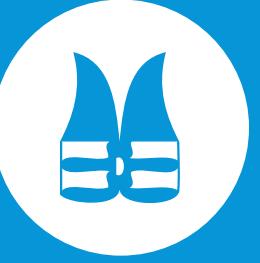
Congressional Democrats said they were caught off guard by the weekend White House visit of Boehner — a meeting the administration still refused to acknowledge Wednesday — and Senate Democrats raised concerns at a private party luncheon Wednesday. □



From left: Sens. Al Franken (D-Minn.), Frank Lautenberg (D-N.J.), Sheldon Whitehouse (D-R.I.) and Debbie Stabenow (D-Mich.) at a press conference on the debt limit in Washington on July 6, 2011. President Barack Obama will be meeting with House and Senate leaders from both parties at the White House to further negotiations on the debt limit today.

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U.S. Briefs

Racial slur preceded fatal punch

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Police say a racial comment in a casino restroom preceded a single fatal punch that left a Utah man dead and a 37-year-old Florida man jailed on a murder charge. A Las Vegas police report identifies the man killed in the 12:45 a.m. Wednesday confrontation as John Massie. The report doesn't provide Massie's age or hometown. Benjamin Gerard Hawkins of Florida was arrested at O'Sheas Las Vegas Casino shortly after police say Massie was felled by a single punch to the face. Hawkins is black. Massie is white. Police say Hawkins threw the single fatal punch after Massie made a comment about a black man in a yellow shirt. □

Fort Ticonderoga shows off artistry

TICONDEROGA, New York (AP) — Plenty of cannon, muskets, bayonets, swords and other 18th-century military hardware are on display at Fort Ticonderoga in up-state New York. Officials claim to have one of the most extensive collections of military artifacts from the 1700s, rivaling those at the Smithsonian Institution and the Tower of London. But there's more to see this summer and early fall at the historic site on Lake Champlain than relics from the French and Indian War and the American Revolution. The fort's extensive art collection is getting equal billing with the weaponry on display. For the first time since the fort was rebuilt as a tourist attraction 102 years ago, 50 of Fort Ticonderoga's most important artworks are on display in a single exhibit. They include a painting by Hudson River School founder Thomas Cole, engraved powder horns circa 1759, and a portrait of George Washington by Charles Peale Polk. □

PA bike 'hoarder' opens museum

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Craig Morrow has a simple reason for creating Bicycle Heaven, a combination museum and vintage parts shop tucked into the warehouse district along a bicycle trail on the north shore of Pittsburgh's Ohio River: He loves bicycles and wants everyone else to love them, too. But how he came to collect more than 1,500 bikes and some 90,000 parts and accessories, well, that's not so simple. "I've probably moved in, probably, over 100 pickup truck loads of stuff," Morrow, 54, said as he and a handful of close friends scurried to arrange storage areas overflowing with mountains of tires, boxfuls of pedals, and walls filled with bicycle forks and handlebars just days before Saturday's grand opening. "I guess you could say I was a hoarder of bike stuff." □

Nuke lab reopens, fire danger fades

ALBUQUERQUE, New Mexico (AP) — Smoke still hung in the air from a northern New Mexico wildfire that came dangerously close to America's premier nuclear weapons laboratory, but life was returning to normal Wednesday as thousands of employees showed up for their first day of work in more than a week. Although the threat to Los Alamos National Laboratory and the town that surrounds it has passed, the largest fire in New Mexico's history continued to burn in remote areas. The fire, which began last month, had forced the closure of the lab along with the evacuation of thousands of residents in nearby communities. The delayed projects include experiments on two supercomputers and studies on extending the life of 1960s-era nuclear bombs. Lab officials say they have a "methodical and careful" plan to resume operations suspended by the blaze known as the Las Conchas fire. "There's going to be a lot of assessing over the next two or three days of where exactly we are on key research projects," lab spokesman Kevin Roark said. "But that's going to take some time," he added. □

Terrorists look to implant bombs in humans

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Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Airlines are being warned by the government that terrorists are considering surgically hiding bombs inside humans to evade airport security. As a result, travelers may find themselves subjected to more scrutiny when flying in the heart of summer vacation season, especially to the U.S. from abroad.

The FBI and Homeland Security Department sent a memo to security officials around the country on Wednesday about "body packing," describing it as a "criminal tactic with possible terrorist application."

discuss such sensitive matters. As airport security has increased since the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks, so has the terrorists' creativity in developing methods to get around it. Aviation continues to be a special target, and evidence from Osama bin Laden's compound showed that the al-Qaida leader retained his fascination with attacking airplanes until his death in May. Last year, it was reported that British officials uncovered intelligence that al-Qaida was seeking to surgically implant bombs inside people, a move some believed was prompted by the use of full-body imaging machines at major airports

off this tactic is not that difficult, said Chris Ronay, a former chief of the FBI explosives unit.

"It's rather easy and the damage could be rather severe," Ronay said.

Surgery to implant explosives could be done a couple of days before a planned attack, said James Crippin, an explosives expert in Colorado. In order for it to work, there would need to be a detonation device, and it's conceivable that if the explosive was implanted in a woman's breast, the detonator could be underneath the breast so that all the operative would have to do is press downward, Crippin said.



The Boeing 787 Dreamliner aircraft is welcomed with a water cannon salute as it lands at the Chopin airport in Warsaw, Poland. Airlines are being warned by the U.S. government that terrorists are considering surgically hiding bombs inside humans to evade airport security.

(AP Photo/Alik Keplicz)

The memo, obtained by The Associated Press, cited a 2005 incident in which Colombian men were accused of surgically implanting narcotics into human couriers.

The memo offered possible indicators of surgically implanted contraband, including a distended stomach or other unusual bulging, and visible physical discomfort from a pat-down. Bombs-in-the-body is not a new idea, but recent intelligence indicates a fresh interest in using this method. People-scanning machines in airports aren't able to detect explosives hidden inside humans. Still, there is no current information that points to a specific plot involving surgically implanted explosives, a U.S. security official said, speaking on condition of anonymity to

around the world.

"This is something we've been concerned about for quite some time," said J. Bennet Waters, a security consultant with the Washington, D.C.-based Chertoff Group and a former Transportation Security Administration official in the Bush administration.

The U.S. government has been working with foreign air carriers and governments to identify ways to discover hidden explosives, including bombs potentially hidden inside of humans. Officials did not want to discuss specific security measures under consideration so as not to tip off terrorists who could seek ways to get around them.

Once a terrorist finds a willing suicide bomber, secures the explosive material and makes the bomb, carrying

But Jimmie C. Oxley, a chemistry professor at the University of Rhode Island and explosives expert, said it would be tough to carry out such an effort successfully. She said there are only so many places to hide a bomb in the body, and a suicide bomber would have to recover enough from the surgery to travel and set off the device.

The al-Qaida offshoot in Yemen has emerged as the most inventive terror organization these days and has been behind two plots that nearly brought down planes over the U.S.

The group, known as al-Qaida in the Arabian Peninsula, or AQAP, was behind the Christmas Day attack in 2009 when a Nigerian hid a bomb in his underpants and nearly brought down an airliner over Detroit. □



John Bulger, left, and William Bulger arrive for the arraignment of their brother, James (Whitey) Bulger, at a federal courthouse in Boston, on July 6, 2011. Bulger pleaded not guilty Wednesday to charges that he played a role in 19 murders and other crimes, most of which took place while he was an informant for the FBI.

(Jonathan Wiggs/The Boston Globe)

Bulger pleads not guilty to role in murders

ABBY GOODNOUGH

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BOSTON — James Bulger pleaded not guilty Wednesday to charges that he played a role in 19 murders and other crimes, most of which took place while he was an informant for the FBI.

Bulger, 81, who is known as Whitey, entered his plea quietly, his shoulders slumped, as his two brothers and relatives of his alleged victims looked on at the federal courthouse here.

He was then returned to the Plymouth County jail, where he has been held since the FBI discovered him living under an alias in Santa Moni-

ca, Calif., last month.

Prosecutors told Magistrate Judge Marianne B. Bowler of U.S. District Court that they anticipated a four-week trial, but Bulger's court-appointed lawyer, J.W. Carney Jr., said it would probably be much longer. Bowler scheduled a status hearing for Sept. 14, but, given its complexity, the case against Bulger, a legendary crime boss who led this city's Winter Hill Gang, may not go to trial for months or even years.

Asked whether a plea deal was likely, Carney said only, "I'm always acting at the direction of my client, and I will do whatever Bulger instructs me to do."

He added, "I've found Bulger to be very smart, to have an excellent memory and to be exceptionally courteous and respectful to me." Most of the murder charges against Bulger were filed in September 2000, more than five years after he disappeared and shortly after investigators unearthed the bodies of several victims. According to the 32-count indictment, he killed 11 people while an informer, an accusation that has damaged the FBI's reputation.

The indictment also charges Bulger with extortion, money laundering and possessing weapons, including machine guns. □

Southern swamp may hold clues about slaves

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Associated Press

IN THE GREAT DISMAL SWAMP (AP) — The oppressive heat, venomous serpents and boot-snatching muck that made the Great Dismal Swamp a barrier to European settlement ever since colonial times also made it a haven for thousands of people escaping slavery before the U.S. Civil War. This fall, a permanent exhibition will open to provide some detail about those lives, part of an expanding effort by the National Park Service and other agencies to recast the experience of pre-war slaves. Scholars are using sites like the Great Dismal Swamp, straddling the line between North Carolina and Virginia, to highlight a little-known side of history, in which the freedom trail for slaves didn't always run to the north.

"What you find with places like the Dismal Swamp is that there were oases within the South for people," said Michelle Lanier, a curator at the North Carolina Division of State Historic Sites and Properties. "When you start to look at these communities that kind of created a safe haven or safer haven, it really explodes our simplified notion of what the underground railroad was."

The swamp is still an inhospitable place. Carefully edging his way along a path dotted with hip-deep patches of mud, a machete swinging by his side, American University professor Dan Sayers has been retracing the paths taken by some of those people for more than a decade. Sayers' research has led to the creation of the permanent exhibit, and to a greater understanding of people who left behind very few testaments to their lives.

"They were creating their own world, and when you think about it, not many people have that opportunity, even in the present day," said Sayers, who spends summers in the swamp with students and other researchers, piecing together a picture of life in the area from fragments sometimes as small as fingernail parings.

Hunched over carefully dug holes, the researchers look for signs of human habitation. They've found dozens of artifacts, ranging from pot shards to musket balls to pieces of flintlock from a French gun made sometime between 1650 and 1800. The work requires a forensic level of attention, with signs that would pass without notice to the untrained eye sparking excitement from the students. Different shades of soil in a particular pattern, for example, could indicate a post hole for a wooden cabin, or perhaps a fire pit. □

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Obama tweets to town hall live

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WASHINGTON — The one thing that President Barack Obama's Twitter town hall was not? A test of his ability to answer in 140 characters.

For more than an hour, Obama took questions sent in via Twitter, but answered them the old-fashioned way — orally. The questions were read aloud by Jack Dorsey, Twitter's chief executive, and answered by Obama as if he were being interviewed for a television news broadcast.

The result? Obama's answers were an average of 2,099 characters — or almost 15 of Twitter's 140-character messages.

The decision by Obama to participate in Wednesday's first Twitter town-hall-style meeting, live from the East Room, is a reminder that the White House is eager to exploit whatever technologies will help get out his message, unfiltered.

But the forum, an hourlong "conversation" between the president and millions of Twitter users, was also remarkable for the ways in which new media companies are taking on roles that used to be the sole province of traditional news organizations.

The questions for Obama focused primarily on economic issues, a reflection, according to Dorsey, of the interest in that subject among Twitter followers. One person asked about clean energy and jobs. Another asked what Obama would do differently, prompting an answer about the difficulty of resolving the housing crisis. Several tweets followed up on the housing issue, urging the president to do more to help people in trouble with their mortgages. □

Juror in Anthony case:

Acquittals took drastic emotional toll

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BILL CARTER

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CLEARWATER, Fla. — A juror in the Casey Anthony trial broke her silence Wednesday and said the jury was emotionally shattered by its own verdict of not guilty. The juror, Jennifer Ford, a 32-year-old nursing student,

determine what the punishment should be."

After acquitting Anthony of the murder of her 2-year-old daughter, Caylee, Ford said jurors felt so overwhelmed after issuing the verdict that they could not speak with reporters.

"We were crying, and not just the women," she

bunch of people."

The jurors, from Pinellas County, spent nearly six weeks living out their own brand of isolation in a hotel in Orlando, in Orange County. Publicity in the city had been so pervasive that the judge felt compelled to import a jury from another county. Jurors' rooms



Corey Stroud prays at a Caylee Anthony memorial in Orlando, Fla., Wednesday, July 6, 2011. Anthony waits to learn if she could spend her first night out of jail in almost three years since she was first accused in the case. It's possible that Judge Belvin Perry could sentence her Thursday to time already served for those crimes. A juror in the Casey Anthony trial broke her silence Wednesday and said the jury was emotionally shattered by its own verdict of not guilty.

said that jurors were "sick to their stomachs," ABC News reported.

"I did not say she was innocent," said Ford, who was juror No. 3. "I just said there was not enough evidence. If you cannot prove what the crime was, you cannot

added. "It was emotional, and we weren't ready. We wanted to do it with integrity and not contribute to the sensationalism of the trial."

Ford described the other six women and five men on the panel as a "great

were watched by guards. But, Ford said, "There was high morale," adding: "We all joked. We are like a big group of cousins."

The interview with Ford came as the television networks jostled Wednesday for interviews with jurors and

(AP Photo/Alan Diaz)

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Hours later, the woman's lawyer asked Vance to appoint a special prosecutor to take over the matter, citing questions about the way prosecutors have treated the accuser.

In a letter, Kenneth Thompson said he believes the DA's office is behind media reports that the 32-year-old woman referred to Strauss-Kahn's wealth in a recorded telephone call to an incarcerated friend. Thompson said he wants to ensure her rights "are not further

prejudiced by deliberate acts seeking to undermine her credibility."

A Vance spokeswoman said the request was baseless and mischaracterized the work of prosecutors. Wednesday's discussion in Vance's office came amid intensifying public debate over the allegations, with a police fraternal group and others pressing prosecutors not to drop the matter. Strauss-Kahn was represented by Benjamin Brafman and William W. Taylor III.

Private meetings between prosecutors and defense attorneys are not unusu-

al, but the stakes in the Strauss-Kahn case are especially high.

The defense has said it wants an outright dismissal, insisting that the encounter with a Manhattan hotel maid was not forced. Prosecutors must decide whether to forge ahead with a flawed case, seek a face-saving plea deal or cut their losses — a decision fraught with political peril for Vance.

Meanwhile, Strauss-Kahn, who was a leading presidential contender in France before his arrest, faces a July 13 deadline to register in the Socialist Party

lawyers in the case, emphasizing that they would not pay for the interviews. Networks are known to license photos and videos to woo guests to their shows, a practice that some say amounts to de facto payments for interviews. Sometimes the licensing deals are lined up through brokers or other representatives.

In an interview at her home Wednesday night, Lynn Ford, Jennifer Ford's mother, said ABC did not pay Ford but treated her and four others to a trip to Disney World. ABC is a unit of the Walt Disney Co.

Earlier Wednesday, a representative of another juror contacted each of the broadcast news networks, offering an interview contingent on a mid-five-figure fee.

The networks reported being approached by Rick French, a publicist from North Carolina. One network executive said the fee being asked was \$50,000. French did not return phone calls Wednesday afternoon.

NBC's "Today" show and ABC's "The View" each interviewed Jeff Ashton, the 30-year veteran prosecutor in the case. He said on "The View" that he was "shocked" by the not-guilty verdict because jury deliberations were so swift and seamless. □

primary. That's just five days before his next court date.

It's unclear whether he might be able to enter the race later and what French voters would think if he did. Recent polls in France have shown people divided over any potential return to politics.

Some legal experts have said the allegations would be difficult, if not impossible, for prosecutors to prove because the accuser's history of fabrications could make a jury reluctant to believe her. Vance's office says it did the appropriate thing at every stage. □

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In Miami Beach,

American Black Film Festival promotes cultural diversity

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MIAMI BEACH, Florida (AP)

— One of the most prestigious festivals honoring black cinema returned to Miami Beach on Wednesday to promote cultural diversity and recognize the contributions of black directors, writers and actors to the American film industry.

Now in its 15th year, the American Black Film Festival promotes cultural diversity within the film industry by strengthening the black filmmaking community through four days of film screenings, networking, workshops for both actors and directors and panel discussions.

Jeff Friday, the festival's co-founder, said he wanted to change America's tone of African-American characters on television and films. "I had always been disturbed by images of people with color in films.

"There was always a level of struggle," he said of black people on the television shows he grew up watching, such as "Good Times" or "The Jeffersons."

"I just didn't see enough diversity."

That was decades ago, and Friday acknowledged the industry was doing a much better job now.

In all, 20 independent films will be premiering during the festival that runs through Saturday, allowing for emerging filmmakers to showcase their work through short-film and documentary competitions. The films were either made or directed by an African-

American, or have a focus on black culture. Opening the festival will be "In the Hive," produced by

generation of filmmakers to tell stories that reflect truths and the humanness of the people of color."

more films that are topical and discuss health issues," Neal said.

Singer Eric Benet makes his

the making of "Boyz n the Hood," the 1991 box office hit by director John Singleton, who was nominated for a best director Academy Award at the age of 24.

He will discuss "what the vibe was of the black film-making community" at the time.

"It was the first film that visualized what was going on in hip hop culture," Singleton said.

"Nobody like me had the opportunity to make that film. I didn't water down what I had to say with the picture."

I was very focused in how I wanted the picture to feel and that's what makes it so enduring." Singleton went on to direct Janet Jackson and former rapper Tupac Shakur in the 1993 film "Poetic Justice."

He also directed the films "Higher Learning" and "Hustle & Flow," among dozens of others.

He is currently in post-production of "Abduction," a thriller starring Taylor Lautner as a teenager who finds out that his parents aren't really his when he sees his baby picture on a missing person's website.

The film is set to be released Sept. 23.

Comedian and director Keenen Ivory Wayans will be honored Saturday for his achievements in television and the big screen.

"He has desensitized race in films," said Jeff Friday, the festival's co-founder.

"He's given us a platform to take race out of it and make it about comedy." □



Actor Keenen Ivory Wayans says hello to the crowd at the Colony Theater for the first night of the 15th Annual ABFF American Black Film Festival in Miami Beach, Fla., Wednesday, July 6, 2011.

(AP Photo/Jon Way)

Robert Townsend and starring Michael Clarke Duncan, Loretta Devine, Vivica A. Fox and Jonathan "Lil J" McDaniel.

The film is based on a true story of a woman who started an alternative school for troubled youth in North Carolina.

"It's what's going on right now.

At risk youths ... how do you save them?" Townsend said.

"We have a lot of stories to tell. And a lot of times Hollywood hasn't really told our stories. We need a new

In the film "Breathe," a woman's dream of becoming a mother turns into a nightmare as she is stalked by a silent killer during her pregnancy, a true story directed by Jerry Allen Davis and starring Robin Givens. "The topic doesn't really get addressed in the black community," said actress Elise Neal, who also stars in "A.N.T. Farm," a TV series on the Disney Channel.

"Our race doesn't talk about complications. But having this film in the festival will resonate with women. It's about time we do

lead acting debut in "Trinity Goodheart" written by Rhonda Freeman-Baraka. The film centers on a 12-year-old girl who is trying to bring her mixed-race family together.

"It's a great depiction of an American black family," director Joanna Hock said.

"There needs to be an openness and acceptance to look at life in different ways and look at people in different ways and not be so dogmatic on how we approach relationships."

The festival also includes a 30-minute documentary on

Cautious withdrawal plan for British troops in Afghanistan

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LONDON — Prime Minister David Cameron set a modest target for early British troop withdrawals from Afghanistan on Wednesday, deferring to British military commanders who had cautioned publicly against an accelerated schedule more closely parallel to the U.S. withdrawals announced two weeks ago by President Barack Obama. As part of what he called a "hard-headed" approach to the war, Cameron told the House of Commons that the British pullout would be limited to 500 troops in 2012, on top of 460 being withdrawn this year. The 2012 number is about half of what Cameron and his Downing Street security team were considering until last week. Moreover, none of the 500 soldiers to be pulled out next year will be combat troops.

The British plan will leave a force of 9,000, still the second-largest foreign troop presence in Afghanistan after the United States. By announcing the cautious scale of the 2012 pullout, Cameron effectively balanced popular unrest about the war against the advice of British military commanders. They had cautioned against a larger 2012 withdrawal, saying that would deny them the combat troops they needed for two more full "fighting seasons" — this year and next — to consolidate recent gains against the Taliban.

Similar arguments were made unsuccessfully by U.S. military officials, including Gen. David H. Petraeus, the U.S. commander in Afghanistan, when Obama was reviewing his own plan earlier this summer. In his announcement June 22, Obama said U.S. troop levels would be cut by 10,000 this year and 20,000 by September 2012, effectively reversing the surge ordered by Obama in 2009 that has been credited with blunting the momentum of the Taliban.

Obama's decision prompted critics on both sides of the Atlantic to say the U.S. leader was putting the recent war gains at risk, particularly in Helmand province, the most active center of the Taliban insurgency, where the bulk of the U.S. surge troops have been fighting alongside British units. While Petraeus and other U.S. commanders have limited their public demurals to saying the U.S. cuts were more "aggressive" than they would have liked, some critics in Britain, including the recently retired top military officer, Air Chief Marshal Jock Stirrup, have suggested that Obama's schedule was set less by military realities than with an eye to next year's presidential election.

In the Commons, Cameron, comparing the British withdrawal plan to Obama's, cited the U.S. leader's avowal that the mission in Afghanistan was changing "from combat to support," as Afghan forces ready themselves to take the lead in the war. But the prime minister cautioned against direct comparisons, noting the large disproportion in the two countries' troop commitments. U.S. withdrawals over the next 14 months will leave about 70,000 U.S. troops in Afghanistan, still more than half of the total force deployed by the 48 nations that comprise the international force.

Still, Obama's decision to reduce the U.S. deployment by a third, with combat troops accounting for most of that figure, gave fresh momentum to the long-running and increasingly fractious debate across Europe about the prospects for military success in Afghanistan. That has been especially true in those countries — among them France and Germany — that contribute the bulk of the non-U.S. forces deployed there. In Britain, as elsewhere in Europe, public opinion has been running strongly against the war, fueled in large part by the 375 British troops that have been killed there, a number that, proportional to the number of troops deployed, is higher than the 1,651 U.S. troops who have lost their lives. □

Libya rebels advance on two fronts

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QAWALISH, Libya — Rebels opposed to Moammar Gadhafi seized control of this village in the mountains on Wednesday, extending their hold in western Libya and inching toward a supply route to the capital that they hope to sever. After a half-day gun battle, Gadhafi's soldiers yielded the town in the early afternoon, firing rockets and mortars to cover their withdrawal. The ordnance exploded on the hillsides around the town with reverberating booms and plumes of dust and

in western Libya that had been deadlocked for more than a week. "We are doing well," said Sofian Alhaj, a fighter who said he was a former employee of an investment firm run by Seif al-Islam Gadhafi, one of the Libyan leader's sons. "Now we will keep going, until we are in Tripoli." That ambition, if realized, would most likely occur in increments. Geographically, the seizure of Qawalish marked a minor shift in the front lines. But it moved the rebels within about 35 miles of Gharyan, a small city astride a strategic highway running south

Both sides suffered in the battle on Wednesday. At least 13 pro-Gadhafi soldiers and seven rebels were killed. Many more were wounded, and the rebels claimed to have captured at least 15 soldiers.

After seizing Qawalish, the rebels did not press farther. Many of their fighters pulled back to the west in midafternoon as Gadhafi's soldiers shelled the village. After several ground-to-ground rockets exploded with roars that shook the town, scores of the rebels ran to their cars and trucks and sped away, leaving



Rebel fighters prepare to move captured tanks to the front line outside Al Qatalish, Libya, on July 6, 2011. Rebel fighters pushed into the village from the Nafusa Mountains on Wednesday, with soldiers loyal to Col. Moammar Gadhafi leaving behind equipment and uniforms as they fled their positions.

(Bryan Denton/The New York Times)

smoke that briefly kept the rebels away. But the rebels flowed in behind the fleeing troops, capturing more than a dozen of them and collecting the departed soldiers' abandoned ammunition and equipment. Soon they were refueling their cars and pickup trucks at the gas station they now held. Qawalish changed hands while rebels elsewhere reported making progress outside of Misrata, east of the capital, Tripoli. They said they were advancing toward the city of Zlitan. Those reports could not be independently confirmed. In the mountains, the rebels said they hoped their day signaled new momentum for a fight

from Tripoli. The highway heads south to Sabha, the central Libyan city that the rebels regard as a principal source of war materiel and other supplies for Gadhafi's government, which is blockaded by NATO from the sea and pressured overland by rebels from the east.

As the war drags on into summer, capturing Gharyan has become one of the rebels' main goals in western Libya. The rebels say that as many as 900 of Gadhafi's soldiers are garrisoned there, backed by rockets and artillery, and that others are occupying villages and blocking positions along the roads from the west, making the approaches perilous. □

behind what appeared to be a holding force.

As the main body of rebels backed up, firing weapons in the air triumphantly, their behavior in the fight reflected the mix of enthusiasm, inexperience and poor state of equipment that has defined the anti-Gadhafi forces throughout Libya for much of the war.

When the rebels pushed into Qawalish with trucks crammed with fighters, some trucks contained only one rifle for every three or even four men. And when they moved forward on the village, the fighters stayed largely on the road or near its shoulders, neglecting to sweep and secure their flanks. □

William, Kate visit devastated Canadian town

SLAVE LAKE, Alberta (AP) — Prince William and Kate saw burned-out cars, blackened trees and the charred remains of homes in a surprise visit Wednesday to a Canadian village heavily damaged by a wildfire.

The stop in the northern Alberta town of Slave Lake, caught in an inferno in May, was an apparent effort to bring much-needed cheer to residents who face the daunting task of rebuilding.

The royal couple, on their first official overseas tour since their April wedding, landed at the community's airport and then boarded a bus with large windows for a tour of devastated neighborhoods.

The couple walked down a street, asked many questions, and even stopped to touch one demolished car.

At one point, William reached down to examine the rubble, then studied the ash on his hands.

They saw homes reduced to charred basement foundations.

Resident Shauna Fiddler said the royal visit would "hopefully lift the spirits of many people who have had their spirits quite dampened."



Prince William and his wife, Kate, the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge greet well-wishers as they tour Slave Lake, Alberta, Canada on Wednesday, July 6, 2011.

(AP Photo/The Canadian Press, Jeff McIntosh)

The royal couple then headed to a local col-

lege, where a crowd that had been gathering since early morning chanted "Will and Kate" and "We Love Slave Lake."

The two waved briefly before heading inside to meet about 50 residents, who sat in plastic chairs at folding tables in the gymnasium. The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge, as they are officially known, stopped at each table to shake hands and chat. William patted one woman's shoulder.

The pair also met privately for about 20 minutes with firefighters, police officers and emergency workers.

They emerged for a walk-about to the delight of about 3,000 onlookers.

The newlyweds were on the seventh day of their nine-day trip to Canada. After the Slave Lake visit, they departed for some private time at an undisclosed location before their next official stop in Calgary late Thursday. Wednesday originally was scheduled to be a day of rest.

Mayor Karina Pillay-Kinnee said there was no doubt

that Wednesday's visit left a lasting impression.

"Slave Lake needed that and I have to thank the royal couple for taking that time," she said.

More than 400 homes and businesses — about one-third of the town — were reduced to ash and debris when a wind-whipped forest fire swept through in May.

The fire forced 7,000 people to flee in what was the largest evacuation in Alberta's history.

Kate was sporting casual attire for the visit — blue pants with a wide brown belt, a ruffled cream blouse, blue blazer and wedge slingback shoes. Will appeared in gray pants, blue shirt and navy jacket.

Spectators gathered were pressed four and five deep against the barricades, eager for a glimpse of the royal visitors.

Dwayne Verschoor, whose home was destroyed, said he couldn't believe the royals came to visit.

"It's a pretty big honor and a privilege even for them to think of us over here in a small little town," he said.

Also Wednesday, a Beverly Hills plastic surgeon said he had been "deselected" from a polo match slated for the California leg of the royal couple's trip. Toby Mayer had previously sent out a press release and did several interviews with U.S. and international media saying he would be on standby at a Santa Barbara Polo Club match Sunday in case the duke had a spill. Mayer said the club's general manager, Ariana Nobel, told him he'd been "deselected."

"Ariana said

'They want to control the media,'" Mayer said. "There's not supposed to be any interviews granted unless they tell you it's OK."

William and Kate conclude their Canadian tour at Alberta's Calgary Stampede on Friday before leaving for California. □

Israel, Turkey try to heal rift from flotilla raid

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UNITED NATIONS — Spurred by the recent upheaval in the Arab world, diplomats from Israel and Turkey were in talks Wednesday aimed at mending relations that were badly fractured by the deadly Israeli raid on a Turkish flotilla to Gaza last year, diplomats said.

The diplomatic effort came as officials were anticipating the release of a contentious U.N. report on the raid, in which Israeli commandos killed nine Turks, one of whom was also a U.S. citizen, aboard a Turkish-sponsored flotilla seeking to break Israel's embargo of Gaza in May 2010. The commandos boarded the largest of the ships, the Mavi Marmara, in international waters and, facing violent resistance from dozens of activists, used force to take control of the vessel.

The seizure of the flotilla soured already strained relations between Israel and Turkey, which was once Israel's closest Muslim ally. Turkey recalled its ambassador from Israel and demanded an apology, a step Israel has refused to take. The friction also heightened alarm in the United States and Europe that Turkey, a large Muslim country and a major NATO member, was shifting its allegiance from the West toward the Arab world.

But diplomats from both sides said Wednesday that the shifting relations in the Middle East had altered the geopolitical calculations of both countries and had prompted them to try to find a way out of the impasse. Israel's relations with Egypt have cooled, as have Turkey's with Libya and Syria, leaving both countries in search of more reliable allies. □

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Venezuelans ponder life without Chavez

JACK CHANG
Associated Press

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP)

— Since Hugo Chavez became Venezuela's president more than 12 years ago, he's been a constant presence in the lives of Rosi de Blanco and her family. The 41-year-old mother of four has loyally watched Chavez's weekly TV program "Hello, President" and received subsidized food from the popular markets his government set up. When her hillside slum home was damaged in a mudslide in November, she and her neighbors moved into a public housing complex covered with posters of the charismatic leader. Then, without warning nearly four weeks ago, the ever-present "comandante" disappeared from public sight.

De Blanco and her fellow evacuees in the Conde housing complex are now discussing what would have been unthinkable just a month ago: the possibility of a Venezuela without Chavez.

"Without Chavez, there's nothing," de Blanco said as she and her neighbors prepared to hold a small Mass for the president's recovery in their building's courtyard. "It's necessary to think about him, but it's necessary to have a positive attitude. We are asking God that Chavez leave all this behind him."

Despite the president's return from Cuba on Monday, his health and political future remain very much in doubt as he recovers from a June 20 surgery to remove a cancerous tumor from his pelvic region.

The 56-year-old leader appeared fatigued during his speech to thousands of supporters Monday afternoon from a balcony of the presidential palace. He himself admitted during the address, "No one should believe that my presence here ... means that we've won the battle. No, we've begun to climb the hill. We've begun to beat the illness that was incubated inside my body."

Talk about Chavez's future

the night of June 30 when she watched a thinner, weakened Chavez reveal his medical state for the first time.

For much of the past month, Venezuelans had the unusual experience of seeing very little of Chavez publicly. He arrived in Cuba on June 8 for what his government said was a scheduled visit.

In the following weeks, there were no broadcasts of "Hello President" or the

of him convalescing in a track suit.

Chavez stunned the nation with his announcement of the cancer.

He didn't say what type of the disease he was fighting or reveal his prognosis for the future.

With tongue in cheek, Venezuelan comedian Andres Schmucke wrote in the newspaper El Universal that he found himself starting to miss Chavez, despite all the problems his government

Chavez supporters in Caracas have tried to keep the president in the spotlight by holding daily rallies wishing him a quick recovery. Over the weekend, hundreds of children and their parents marched through the center of town waving signs printed with slogans such as "We'll have Chavez for a while" and "You are my inspiration." They finished in a park and wrote notes to their president on a wall topped with the words "A Rainbow of Love for Chavez."

Government news media have joined in by running ads blaring an administration slogan: "Onward, Commander."

Computer programmer Carlos Rivas, 38, said he's enjoyed the break from his ever-present leader.

"I feel more peaceful without Chavez talking everyday," Rivas said. "He's mortal like anyone else. A Venezuela without Chavez is possible."

Rivas and his wife were leaving a park in one of Caracas' affluent neighborhoods, where thousands of people were enjoying their four-day weekend celebrating the country's bicentennial. Not far away was a manicured square that has long been a gathering spot for Chavez opponents.

His wife Rosa Lopez, a 32-year-old electrical engineer, said she believed the country was ready for a change. Many young professionals like herself have left Venezuela, she said, due to low salaries and annual inflation rates that have hovered around 30 percent over the past three years. □



In this photo taken on Monday July 4, 2011, Venezuela's President Hugo Chavez greets supporters from a balcony of the Miraflores presidential palace in Caracas, Venezuela. Venezuelans had the unusual experience of seeing very little of Chavez publicly in the past month. After arriving in Cuba on June 8 there were no broadcasts of "Hello President" or the usual hours-long televised speeches by the famously loquacious leader. Despite the president's return from Cuba on Monday, his health and political future remain very much in doubt as he recovers from a June 20 surgery to remove a cancerous tumor from his pelvic region.

(AP Photo/Ariana Cubillos)

is buzzing across this bustling capital city, as newspapers, radio programs and conversations on the street weigh questions of succession and the fate of Chavez's socialist-inspired Bolivarian Revolution. De Blanco said she wept

usual hourslong televised speeches by the famously loquacious leader. Until his June 30 revelation, Venezuelans received scant communication from the president, such as a June 12 phone interview with state television and short videos

had left unsolved.

"It's been 13 years seeing you every day, hearing you every day, reading news about you every day," Schmucke wrote.

"I miss your televised speeches. I miss 'Hello, President.'"

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Spain investigates allegations of stolen babies

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SEVILLE, Spain — Prodded by grieving parents, Spanish judges are investigating hundreds of cases of infants abducted and sold for adoption over a 40-year period. What may have begun as political retaliation for leftist families during the dictatorship of Gen. Francisco Franco appears to have mutated into a trafficking business in which doctors, nurses and even nuns colluded with criminal networks. The cases, which could eventually run into the thousands, are jolting a country still shaken by the spoken and unspoken terrors of Spain's 1936-39 Civil War and Franco's rule. Last week, 78-year-old Concepcion Rodrigo Romero joined the rapidly growing ranks of Spanish parents who are turning to the courts to uncover the fates of their babies.

Rodrigo Romero, a former seamstress, gave birth, prematurely, in 1971. A doctor in a Seville hospital told her

that she had had a son, who was small but "fine and capable of getting a lot bigger," she recalled in an interview. The doctor never reappeared, and she never saw

that the baby had been sent to another hospital for further checks, but had died there.

The second hospital had taken care of the burial, the doctor said, and the



Children play at the Madrid Rio, a waterfront revitalization project which includes a 300-acre park with 17 new playgrounds along the Manzanares river, in Madrid. Prodded by grieving parents, Spanish judges are investigating hundreds of cases of infants abducted and sold for adoption over a 40-year period. What may have begun as political retaliation for leftist families during the dictatorship of Gen. Francisco Franco appears to have mutated into a trafficking business in which doctors, nurses and even nuns colluded with criminal networks.

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her baby again. Two days later, another doctor at the hospital told her husband

body lay in Seville's San Fernando cemetery, in an unmarked grave. "Deep

inside, I've always known that my son was stolen from me," Rodrigo Romero said. Spain's judiciary was forced into action after Anadir, an association formed to represent people searching for missing children or parents, filed its first complaints in late January. Attorney General Cándido Conde-Pumpido announced on June 18 that 849 cases were being examined, adding that 162 already could be classified as criminal proceedings because of evidence pointing to abductions. The cases of disappeared infants stretch from 1950 to 1990. Some historians and judges say that the Franco government removed babies from families that had backed its opponents in the civil war. But the practice continued well after Franco's death in 1975; it is not known whether government officials played any role. Conde-Pumpido, who said it was impossible to estimate how many more cases would surface,

also suggested for the first time that organized crime "networks" had been involved. He gave no details, saying only that he did not believe that "one single organization" had masterminded all the abductions. Antonio Barroso, 42, the president of Anadir, said he believed that, over time, Spain became a hub for gangs operating an international trade, with many newborns sold into adoption overseas. The possibility of such an operation is one of many unanswered questions posed by the searing journey of long-silent parents and children in recent months. Barroso founded Anadir in February 2010, after being told by a friend that they were both adopted. He took DNA samples from the woman he had always known as his mother and confronted her after tests showed that his sample and hers were not a match. She admitted paying a nun for a baby and misleading her son about his birth for decades. □

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Taliban blamed in attacks on Afghan border police posts

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KABUL, Afghanistan — Taliban fighters mounted an attack Wednesday on several Afghan border police checkpoints, overrunning them and killing nearly two dozen police officers in a remote area of northeastern Afghanistan, according to the provincial governor. "Twenty-three Afghan border police officers were martyred and seven others were wounded," said Jamaluddin Badar, governor of Nuristan province, where the attack took place in the Gordish Valley in Kamdesh District. The checkpoints were burned and several civilians were killed, including three women and two children; a number of houses were burned as well as the outposts of the border police, he said.

In a statement, the Interior Ministry said 12 police officers were killed. However, since the area is remote and there is little phone coverage, numbers are hard to verify.

Mounting the attack were



Taliban militants, who were arrested by Afghan Border Police, are presented to the media at the Afghan Border Police head quarter in Jalalabad, Nangarhar province, east of Kabul, Afghanistan. In the district of Nazyan in the restive eastern province of Nangarhar, Afghan Border Police arrested seven insurgents traveling by car from Pakistan, said Aminullah Amerkhail, the eastern region border chief. All of them were dressed as women and at least one was strapped with an explosive vest. The border police confiscated six AK-47 rifles. Five of them men were Pakistani and two were Afghans.

(AP Photo/Rahmat Gul)

Taliban and foreign fighters including Pakistanis, Badar said. His account was supported by the former governor, Tamim Nuristani,

who was in touch with people in Kamdesh District on Wednesday.

President Hamid Karzai condemned the attack

Egypt denies local fenugreek seeds caused E. coli outbreak



An Egyptian spice dealer organizes displayed products that include fenugreek seeds at his shop in Cairo, Egypt. Egyptian fenugreek seeds suspected by European food inspectors to have caused a deadly E. coli outbreak were not contaminated, the Egyptian agriculture minister said Wednesday, citing lab tests.

(AP Photo/Nasser Nasser)

CAIRO (AP) — Egyptian fenugreek seeds suspected by European food inspectors to have caused a deadly E. coli outbreak were not contaminated, the Egyptian agriculture minister said Wednesday, citing lab tests.

The European Food Safety Authority has said one lot of fenugreek seeds from

Egypt was probably the source of the recent food poisoning outbreaks in Germany and France.

The EU has banned imports of Egyptian fenugreek seeds until Oct. 31 and directed its members to destroy all seeds from "one Egyptian exporter" received between 2009 and 2011. □

However, Egyptian Agriculture Minister Ayman Abou Hadid said lab tests of the seeds produced by that exporter showed the E. coli strain was not present. He did not elaborate. Officials have not released the name of the exporter.

Fenugreek seeds from the suspect Egyptian lot — about 15,000 kilograms — were sent to one large German distributor, the agency said.

Those seeds were then sold to 70 different companies, 54 of them in Germany, the center of the outbreak, and to 16 companies in 11 other European countries. Fenugreek is a clover-shaped plant whose leaves are commonly used as an herb and also in Indian curries.

The seeds are often sold dried, and if they are contaminated with E. coli, the bacteria can survive for years. □

and accused Pakistani Taliban of carrying it out.

Both Western officials and the former governor said that while there are Pakistani fighters who have come over the border as well as Arabs and Uzbeks, the main dynamic in the area is a longtime rivalry between Taliban fighters who control the rural areas and Hizb-e-Islami fighters who control the district centers and tend to be more allied with the government.

At stake in Nuristan are illegal gem and timber smuggling routes, though the province is so remote the U.S. hardly has any military presence there.

"There is intense fighting going on between the Afghan National Secu-

rity Forces and opposition since early yesterday," said Mullah Mohammed Ismail, the district governor of nearby Barg-e-Matal.

He warned that if the insurgents and the Pakistani Taliban, who are fighting with them, managed to occupy the area, "it would be impossible to uproot them."

Also in eastern Afghanistan, there were reports of civilian casualties after a NATO attack in a remote area of Khost District. According to the provincial police chief, eight children and two women were killed when NATO forces dropped a bomb on a house where the Taliban took shelter as they were being pursued by a joint U.S.-Afghan force. □

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Teenage fashion blogger gets feature-length video

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NEW YORK — On a recent Friday night, Bebe Zeva, a teenage fashion blogger, journalist and model based in Las Vegas, was dining at the restaurant Lodge with a group of 20-something contributors to the online magazine Thought Catalog.

"I like to concentrate on the cuteness of what I'm eating," Zeva said. She had switched from coconut and almond vegan ice cream to a skirt steak. In a black minidress, black stockings, a sheer black and navy metallic robe and a floppy black hat, with dozens of long silver and gold chains slung from her neck, she looked like a blonde Stevie Nicks in miniature.

"Don't leave the house unless you look like you're going to a funeral," was Zeva's style rule for the weekend, which she was spending in the company of Leigh Alexander, a video-gaming journalist. Zeva calls this style Cyber Goth. When someone at the table asked Zeva her age (she recently turned 18), the novelist and poet Tao Lin said: "She looks a lot more like 12 to me. But she seems like a genius."

Zeva was in town for the premiere screening of "Bebe Zeva," a feature-length video produced by Lin and Megan Boyle, who are selling it through their website, mdmafims.org. (It was also screened this spring in Houston.)

In January Zeva appeared in Seventeen magazine, dispensing style advice. Later she was named a judge at the WWD Magic trade show, which will be held in her hometown in August. On April 1, Elle's blog asked, "Is Bebe the new Tavi?" referring to Tavi Gevinson, the 15-year-old who became a New York Fashion Week staple after starting a blog at age 11 from her home in Illinois. Lin helped cast Zeva as Audrey, an ingenue, in a planned film adaptation of his novel "Shoplifting From American Apparel."

All of this has come naturally to Zeva, who dis-

cusses the contours of her "career" with an endearing nonchalance. She was born in 1993 in Miami Beach. "Bebe" was a nickname she earned when

during high school, where she found herself surrounded by peers she terms "lifers" — those whose lives are defined by "God, softball and the suburbs."



Bebe Zeva, who writes the personal style blog *Fated to be Hated*, in New York on March 22, 2011. Zeva, an 18-year-old from Las Vegas, has appeared in *Seventeen*, has the sponsorship of several corporations and is the subject of a new mumblecore documentary.

(Elizabeth Lippman for The New York Times)

her sister, Rachel, wasn't able to pronounce her real name, which she does not reveal publicly. "Zeva" derives from a Hebrew word that means "she-wolf," and she adopted it as a screen name at her mother's insistence that she not use her real name upon joining MySpace. (While Zeva does not use her birth name publicly, she said she intends to legally change her name to Bebe Zeva in the near future.)

With her mother and sister she moved to Springfield, Mass., when she was 6 years old. They stayed for five years, then moved to St. Louis for a year before coming to Las Vegas, where she now lives in a high-rise condo on the Strip. Zeva's evolving sense of chic sprang from a period of alienation she suffered



Bebe Zeva in the documentary film named after her in an undated handout photo. Zeva, an 18-year-old blogger from Las Vegas, has appeared in *Seventeen*, has the sponsorship of several corporations and is the subject of the new Mumblecore documentary.

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"I wore flared jeans and tight-fitting crewneck T-shirts from the likes of Hollister and Abercrombie up

until my second semester of freshman year," Zeva wrote in an email after the night at Lodge, "when I made the conscious decision to pursue the hipster lifestyle."

It was around this time, Zeva recalled, that she went through a period of "relentlessly" Googling the word "hipster." On the Web, she discovered the party photographer Mark, the Cobra Snake, and the blog Hipster Runoff, whose author goes by the name Carles. Both men have since become mentors of a sort. Zeva's first taste of Internet fame came as a T-shirt model for Hipster Runoff. "I owe him my career," she said without irony of Carles, with whom she began a correspondence over MySpace, after her mother gave her blessing. The blog would go on to dub Zeva an "alternative it-girl." But her growing Internet fame did not translate into popularity at school. "I was rejected by the 'alternative crowd' at school, or so I assumed by their collective refusal to make eye contact with me, so I chose to become a neo-hippie instead," she wrote. "I wore ankle-length skirts, horizontal headbands, bundles of necklaces, and no shoes. I carried books by Abbie

and metallic headbands. Life among the "lifers" soon brought on what Zeva terms "a severe case of depression," during which she "wore the same Sarah Lawrence hoodie with a pair of dark-wash Abercrombie & Fitch skinny jeans and Target moccasins" for months. She made her final break from suburban conformity and the "lifers" by transferring to Virtual High School online. She created a profile on Lookbook.nu, a user-generated fashion photography site, which — along with her blog, Fated to Be Hated, the title a reference to her unpopularity in high school and among some blog commenters who have accused her of betraying the hipster aesthetic to "go mainstream" — brought her to the attention of magazines like Seventeen and Elle, and convinced Lin and Boyle that she might be a worthy subject for their documentary. Zeva's and Lin's first contact came in October 2009, when Zeva, who had been reading and enjoying "Shoplifting From American Apparel," purchased an instant-message session with the novelist on eBay.

"What are your ambitions in life?" Lin asked during the exchange that followed.

"I think my ambitions involve 'proving a lot of people wrong' and being 'extremely relevant' and 'well known,'" Zeva wrote. Fame remains central to Zeva's ambitions. She hopes to pursue a career in "fashion, journalism and sociology." In the fall, she will enroll for a semester at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, but she hopes to transfer shortly to Pratt Institute, Parsons, the Fashion Institute of Technology or New York University.

"I'm leaving my heart here and coming back to retrieve it later," she said at Lodge.

After the meal, the diners were choosing between two parties to attend, one given by Alexander's musician friends in Bushwick and another at the offices of Verso Books, in Dumbo, to which Lin had been invited. □

Hoffman as props." In the summer of 2008, she switched to neon V-necks, colored tights, skinny jeans

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Minister Michelle Hooyboer and Minister Richard Visser welcome athletes home from Greece

Aruba's Special Olympic athletes arrive with 20 medals



ORANJESTAD – Yesterday afternoon, the Special Olympics Aruba team returned from Greece yesterday with their coaches and families. The leader of the delegation Tuyo Werleman spoke on behalf of the delegation yesterday in the VIP room of the Queen Beatrix Airport.

The Aruba Team won a variety of different gold, silver and bronze medals in vari-

ous different competitions. Joshua Tromp and Jhorzy Arias won gold medals together in "Bowling Doubles". Vanessa Bernabela won a gold medal in "Bowling Singles" and a bronze in "Doubles". Jhorzy Arias also won a silver medal in "Bowling Singles".

Darling Gomez won a gold medal in 25 meter speed swimming and Deshaneira Mohamed won a silver

medal in "Mixed Doubles" together with Michael Wouters. Eldrick Kock won a silver medal in "Singles Badminton" and Jeremiah Werleman won the bronze medal in the same category.

Members of the Government of Aruba welcomed the Aruba Team back to the island during a reception in the VIP Room of the airport yesterday. □



Prime Minister Mike Eman congratulates neighboring country

Venezuela marks 200 years of independence



ORANJESTAD – Hundreds of people gathered on Aruba to support the celebration of Venezuela marking the 200th anniversary of its independence from Spain. Prime Minister of Aruba Mike Eman recognized the 200 years of independence on July 5th during a ceremony in downtown Oranjestad at the Simon Bolivar statue where he told celebrating Venezuelans "You are part of our community!" Eman wished for President Hugo Chavez' quick recovery from his recent ailment. After returning suddenly from Cuba, President Hugo Chavez was the notable absentee from Venezuela's bicentennial parade on Tuesday, as he recovered from surgery. But Chavez, 56, didn't completely miss out on the celebrations, tell-



ing Venezuelans in a video message that he was with them "in body and soul". The first was to mark the bicentenary of Mexican independence in Mexico City last September, and the other was in Rome for the 65th anniversary of the

founding of the Italian Republic in June. Venezuela's war to end Spanish colonial rule started in 1810. Venezuelan independence was declared on July 5, 1811, marking the founding of the Republic of Venezuela. □



Mise en Place Holding's Employee of the Month is Angelina

ORANJESTAD - Angelina van Houten of Mise en Place Holding (the holding where Taste of Belgium finds its home) has been chosen as the company's Employee of the Month in June. She is not only gorgeous, but has a sunny disposition, is always ready to assist anyone with anything and she has tackled the intricate catering of the 25th edition of the recently held Aruba Hi-Winds at Fishermen's Huts with great enthusiasm. She did a fantastic job there, which was even more impressive as she made all the preparations alongside doing her own job, which is in the administrative department. Amsterdam-born Angelina loves to work at Taste of Belgium/Mise en Place because of the diversity of its different restaurants and her nice colleagues. Her favorite restaurant on the island is CILO City Lounge in the Renaissance Marketplace and she loves to sit on its terrace to watch the comings and goings of marina-life and sip a refreshing glass of white wine. She came to Aruba because of the relaxed way of living here. Maybe you know Angelina personally: she has worked at MooMba Beach and Que Pasa before settling down at Mise en Place. Congratulations! □



Amazonia Churrascaria introduces an Early Bird Special



PALM BEACH – Aruba's favorite Brazilian steakhouse, that even vegetarians love, had just introduced a new attractive offer, Early Bird Dinner, allowing patrons to take full advantage of the restaurant's extensive menu for a much-reduced rate.

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fixed price. The cheerful waiters will keep on serving you until you indicate that you wish them to stop! And don't forget to save room for some of the delicious homemade desserts, or a few signature cocktails,

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AHATA congratulates Lino van der Biezen

CHTA's Caribbean Supervisor of the Year is Aruban



PALM BEACH - AHATA is pleased to announce that Lino van der Biezen of The

Westin Resort, Aruba was honored by The Caribbean Hotel & Tourism Association

(CHTA) as Caribbean Supervisor of the Year, during the Taste of the Caribbean 2011 Awards Dinner which was hosted at the Hyatt Regency, Miami on Sunday June 26 2011.

Lino is the Banquet Maitre'D at The Westin Resort & Casino, Aruba. He began his career as a bus person for The Holiday Inn and later became the Restaurant Manager at The Flame restaurant, a position he held for 5 years. After that he became Banquet Supervisor at The Westin Resort & Casino for 4 years, before being promoted to his current position of Banquet Maitre'D which he has held for the last 8 years.

Jim Hepple, President and CEO of AHATA, said "Lino fully deserves this recognition by his peers from across the Caribbean. This speaks well of the high quality of Aruba's hospitality industry

that Lino has been given such a prestigious award. He has AHATA's fullest congratulations".

Barbara Bird, the HR Manager of The Westin Resort, Aruba, said, "Lino is well defined, organized and likes what he is doing. Getting the job done the way you want it done is a constant challenge. We always have changes, rush periods and pop-ups and Lino takes care of them in a calm, cool and collective manner. Always ahead of schedule in his set-ups he has a positive attitude and keeps everybody concerned well informed about everything that is happening. Lino provides good supervision and has great leadership qualities. He assures that every employee knows exactly what his job is, how to do it and what is expected from them. He listens to any ideas for making his job

easier. A true leader and his performance show this on a daily basis."

Lino also won the distinction of Aruba's "SHOCO Supervisor of the Year 2010" award.

Caribbean Hotel & Tourism Association

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Jeter doubles, now 3 hits from 3,000

New York Yankees' Derek Jeter watches his double off Cleveland Indians starting pitcher Justin Masterson in the eighth inning of a baseball game, Wednesday, July 6, 2011, in Cleveland.

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Sweden beats U.S. to avoid Brazil in QFs



Sweden's Lisa Dahlkvist, with hands up, celebrates with teammates after scoring the opening goal during the group C match between Sweden and the United States at the Women's Soccer World Cup in Wolfsburg, Germany, Wednesday, July 6, 2011.

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LEVERKUSEN, Germany (AP) — Sweden picked a good time to beat the Americans at the women's World Cup for the first time, winning 2-1 Wednesday to avoid Brazil and five-time FIFA player of the year Marta in the quarterfinals.

Sweden had lost three times previously to the United States at the tournament, but the hard-fought win gave it top spot in Group C and a match against Australia on Sunday.

The Australians came from behind to defeat Norway 2-1 and clinch the last quarterfinal spot as Group B runner-up.

Brazil flexed its muscles with a 3-0 win over Equatorial Guinea in the same group and will now play the Americans. Brazil was runner-up to the U.S. at the 2008 and 2004 Olympics.

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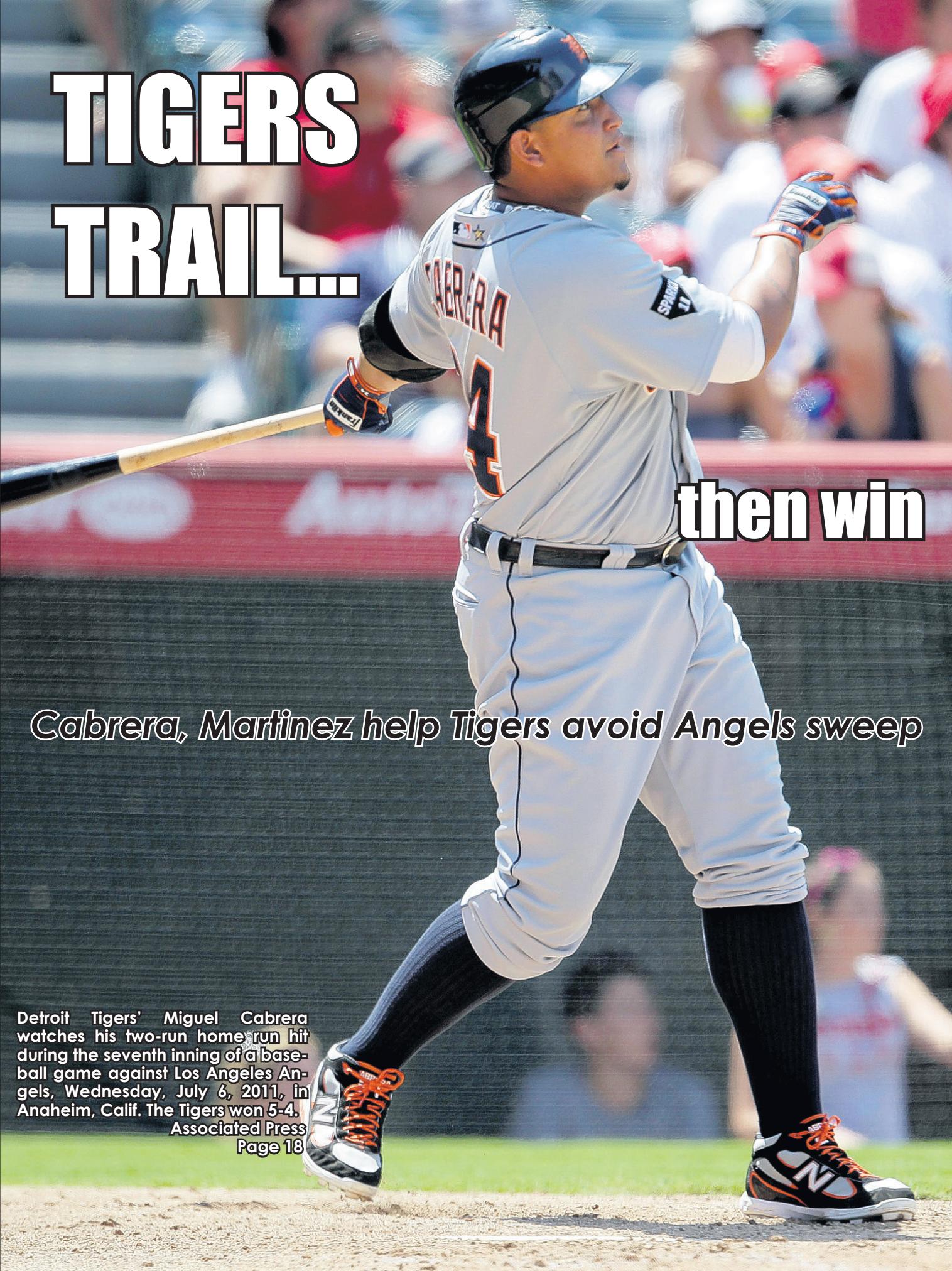
TIGERS TRAIL...

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Cabrera, Martinez help Tigers avoid Angels sweep

Detroit Tigers' Miguel Cabrera watches his two-run home run hit during the seventh inning of a baseball game against Los Angeles Angels, Wednesday, July 6, 2011, in Anaheim, Calif. The Tigers won 5-4.

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Los Angeles Angels catcher Hank Conger, left, tags out Detroit Tigers' Don Kelly at home plate during the fourth inning of a baseball game, Wednesday, July 6, 2011, in Anaheim, Calif.

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AL Roundup

Tigers rally past Angels for 5-4 win

ANAHEIM, California (AP) —

Miguel Cabrera homered during a three-run seventh inning which lifted the Detroit Tigers to a 5-4 win over the Los Angeles Angels in the American League on Wednesday.

Cabrera greeted reliever Michael Kohn (0-2) by hitting a tiebreaking, two-run shot; his 18th homer of the season.

Victor Martinez drove in two runs as the Tigers avoided a three-game sweep, having scored just one run over the first two games of the series. Detroit starter Brad Penny (6-6) settled in after allowing three runs in the first. He gave up six hits over 6 1-3 innings and won for only the second time in nine starts. Jose Valverde worked a perfect ninth for his 21st save.

The Angels lost their first game in five.

Rays 12, Twins 5

In Minneapolis, Evan Longoria had three hits and four RBIs for Tampa Bay, which avoided being swept by

Minnesota.

Longoria's single gave the Rays the go-ahead run in the eighth inning, and he added a three-run homer in the ninth. He had been 3 for 28 before the game.

The Rays haven't been swept in a series of three or more games since the season-opening set against Baltimore.

Twins reliever Alex Burnett (2-5) allowed three straight batters to reach in the eighth, capped by Longoria's single. B.J. Upton pushed in the next run with a squeeze bunt, then Sean Rodriguez hit a two-run homer to stretch the lead to four.

Tampa Bay reliever J.P. Howell (2-1) pitched a scoreless seventh for the win.

Athletics 2, Mariners 0

In Oakland, California, Guillermo Moscoso pitched seven scoreless innings to help Oakland salvage the final game of the three-game series against Seattle. Moscoso (3-4) allowed only

two singles, striking out five and walking one. He has allowed one earned run in his past 24 2-3 innings.

Scott Sizemore homered in the second inning and added an RBI single in the fifth against Jason Vargas (6-6).

The Mariners had their three-game winning streak snapped.

Royals 4, White Sox 1

In Chicago, Bruce Chen pitched effectively into the seventh inning to steer Kansas City past Chicago.

Chen (5-2) retired the first nine batters he faced and escaped a bases-loaded, no-out jam in the sixth with just one run scoring.

Eric Hosmer homered leading off the second on a ball that just went over the glove of the Chicago center fielder at the wall.

Jeff Francoeur delivered a two-out RBI single in the fourth and hit a sacrifice fly in the sixth to make it 4-0. Chicago starter Edwin Jackson (5-7) allowed four runs in seven innings. □

Cavendish wins crash-marred 5th Tour stage



Mark Cavendish of Britain celebrates winning as he crosses the finish line ahead of Philippe Gilbert of Belgium, right, during the fifth stage of the Tour de France cycling race over 164.5 kilometers (102.2 miles) starting in Carhaix and finishing in Cap Frehel, Brittany, western France, Wednesday July 6, 2011. Gilbert took over the best sprinter's green jersey.

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JAMEY KEATEN

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CAP FREHEL, France (AP) —

British speedster Mark Cavendish won a windy and crash-marred fifth stage of the Tour de France in a mass sprint on Wednesday, as Thor Hushovd of Norway kept the leader's yellow jersey.

Defending champion Alberto Contador fell in a crash and RadioShack

rider Janez Brajkovic quit the race after another spill during the 164.5-kilometer (102-mile) trek from Carhaix to Cap Frehel on Wednesday. Cavendish, one of the world's best sprinters, collected his 16th career Tour stage victory and his first this year by speeding past Philippe Gilbert of Belgium — who finished second — and Jose Joaquin Rojas in third.

"I am really happy. It was a difficult finish," said Cavendish, who rides with the HTC-Highroad team. "I put every thing into it ... If we win, it's not because we're lucky, it's because we're good."

The top standings didn't change because the vast majority of riders crossed in a pack right behind the sprinters. Hushovd kept his one-second lead over Cadel Evans of Australia in second. Frank Schleck of Luxembourg is third overall, 4 seconds back.

Wednesday's ride was mostly marked by crashes

that brought down some of the biggest names in the pack, which shrank to 195 riders after two competitors dropped with injuries.

"It was very nervous, and because of that you get a lot of crashes, because there are 200 riders who want to be in front," said Hushovd, who retained the jersey for a fourth straight day.

Contador went down briefly but returned — with a tear on the left shoulder of his Saxo Bank team jersey. Many riders were jostling to stay at the front, setting the stage for possible spills.

The Spanish three-time Tour champion was entangled in a crash about the 72-kilometer (44.7-mile) mark and took off his helmet briefly, then gave a thumbs-up to signal that he was all right.

The highest-profile withdrawal was RadioShack's Janez Brajkovic after crashing about a kilometer later. The 27-year-old Slovenian was evacuated to a hospital in an ambulance, where doctors judged that he had suffered a mild concussion, the team said. A scan showed he was otherwise all right.

Teammate Levi Leipheimer of the United States was also involved in a crash but returned to the race. Nicki Sorensen, bumped into the motorcycle of a race photographer, and skidded along a roadside before returning. □





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NFL labor: time getting tight

BARRY WILNER
AP Pro Football Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Lawyers for the NFL and the players' association sorted out contract language and details Wednesday for a second straight day, hoping it could speed the process in reaching a new collective bargaining agreement. A person with knowledge of the situation told The Associated Press that attorneys met at a Manhattan law firm's headquarters. The person spoke on condition of anonymity because a judge has directed that details of the court-ordered mediated negotiations not be disclosed.

Although the NFL owners and the players say progress has been made in the last month of meetings in various locations, the prospect of postponing the opening of training camps grows stronger every day. NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell and NFLPA chief DeMaurice Smith plan to return to the negotiations Thursday, along with several owners and players. They all know that some training camps are set to open in less than three weeks and the first exhibition game, at the Pro Football Hall of Fame inductions, is Aug.

7 in Canton, Ohio. The St. Louis Rams and Chicago Bears are scheduled for that game.

"Everyone's back is up against the wall," said economic consultant Dr. Jessica Horewitz, a director at Gnarus Advisors who consulted with Smith on the finer points of NFL labor before he was elected executive director of the players association. "The last few details of the contract have to be hammered out, but I believe the big issues are pretty wrapped up: the salary cap and revenue share with the players.

"I think it will be steady progress, and if we don't have something by the 15th, I don't think it will long after that."

Marc Ganis, president of Chicago-based sports business consulting firm Sportscorp Ltd., and a keen observer of the league's business side, also sees something getting done in the next week or so.

"They are now up against a hard deadline," Ganis said. "If they go beyond July 15, you likely start losing preseason games and it means less money is available overall to do a deal to satisfy both parties.

"Once you start losing real and serious money that can't be replaced, getting a deal done becomes much more difficult."

Canceling a full weekend of preseason games would cost upward of \$60 million in lost revenues. That lessens the overall income for the league that the two sides are battling over. Sure, players don't get paid for the preseason (except for a per diem), but reducing the total pie certainly affects them.

Ralph Cindrich, an attorney and player agent who has been involved in every NFL labor dispute, believes neither the owners nor the players felt any motivation to close a deal until now. He cites late June and very early in July as normally a dead time in pro football, anyway.

"It is now that time when pressure has to be put on both sides," he said. "This is just too strong of a business—not to find a solution. You go worldwide and spend a month overseas, you can see how we are in a fragile economy, and to mess with this successful business will have a devastating effect. "I do see it getting done, it's too good a product not to get done. But I can see



NFL commissioner Roger Goodell, left, and National Football League Players Association executive director DeMaurice Smith, right, speak to the media outside of the Ritz-Carlton hotel after addressing players during the NFLPA rookie symposium on Wednesday, June 29, 2011 in Sarasota, Fla.

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the tough owners taking it into overtime, causing a cancellation of the first pre-season game."

Hall of Fame president Steve Perry has said the game is being planned to go on as scheduled on Aug. 7. There's much more than opening up training camps and staging pre-season games that must be straightened out soon. Free agency, for example. Depending on the rules, hundreds of players could become available. The longer it takes to reach a deal, the more frenzied the free agency signing period will be.

Teams still need to instruct rookies they drafted and sign rookies who were not selected in April. Those clubs with new coaches haven't been able to install offenses or defenses or learn unfamiliar playbooks. General managers don't know what the salary cap will be; 2010 didn't have a cap.

The regular season is scheduled to begin Sept. 8 with New Orleans at Green Bay. "They are within a range on almost everything," Ganis said, "and 48 hours of continued serious negotiations could get it done." □

Hot Fever too much for Storm

WNBA Roundup

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Jessica Davenport had 15 points, seven rebounds and four blocked shots to lead the Indiana Fever to a convincing 78-61 win over the Seattle Storm in the WNBA on Tuesday.

Tamika Catchings added 11 points, six rebounds and four steals for the Fever, who won their fifth straight game.

Sue Bird scored 21 points and Swin Cash had 13 for the Storm, who played their fourth straight game without Australian center Lauren Jackson while she recovers from hip surgery. The Fever played without starting guard Briann January, who suffered a season-ending knee injury on June 28.

Mercury 101, Sparks 82

In Phoenix, Diana Taurasi and Candice Dupree scored 20 points each,



Indiana Fever's Erin Phillips, front, and Seattle Storm's Tanisha Wright chase a loose ball during the first half of a WNBA basketball game in Indianapolis, Tuesday, July 5, 2011.

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helping Phoenix rally for victory over Los Angeles after a scary injury to guard Ketia Swanier.

Swanier was helped off the court in the third following

an elbow to the head by Sparks guard Kristi Toliver. The Mercury turned a 10-point deficit into a 14-point lead in that quarter and never let up on the

way to their sixth win in seven games.

Penny Taylor had 16 points for Phoenix.

Ebony Hoffman had 21 points for Los Angeles, which fell to 0-5 on the road this season.

Sky 78, Mystics 65

In Rosemont, Illinois, Sylvia Fowles scored a season-high 34 points and pulled down 16 rebounds to help Chicago snap a three-game losing streak with victory over Washington.

Fowles, the WNBA's scoring leader at 21.9 points a game, scored 20-plus points for the eighth time in 11 games for Chicago. It was her third career game of 30 or more points.

Epiphanny Prince added 14 points for Chicago, which shot 48.1 percent (26 of 54) and outrebounded the Mystics 38-27.

Marissa Coleman had 14 points for the Mystics, who have lost six of seven. □

A-Rod's doc admits bringing unapproved drugs to U.S.

BEN DOBBIN

Associated Press

BUFFALO, New York (AP)

— A Canadian sports doctor whose high-profile clients have included Tiger Woods and Alex Rodriguez pleaded guilty in federal court Wednesday to bringing into the United States unapproved drugs, including human growth hormone, that were used to treat professional athletes. Dr. Anthony Galea, a healing specialist from Toronto who was sought out by the biggest names in sports, was indicted by a federal grand jury in October on charges that he smuggled human growth hormone and other substances into the United States and lied to border agents to avoid getting caught. He faces similar charges in Canada.

Most of the U.S. charges were dismissed with Galea's plea, and he agreed to cooperate with investigators and disclose the identities of his patients and their treatments.

Galea, who wasn't licensed to work in the United States, was accused of treating 20 professional athletes at their homes, hotels and friends' houses from October 2007 to September 2009. The indictment did not identify any clients, but prosecutors said they included golfers, professional baseball and football players and others. Galea, 51, pleaded guilty in front of U.S. District Judge Richard Arcara to introducing mislabeled drugs into the U.S., eliminating the need for a trial — along with the likelihood that evidence and witness statements could publicly reveal information about who he visited or billed.

Prosecutors said Galea billed around \$800,000 for his work in the United States and the value of the drugs and other substances used was about \$30,000 to \$70,000. □

Sweden

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In Group C's other game, Colombia drew 0-0 with North Korea.

With German Chancellor Angela Merkel and the Germany squad watching, Lisa Dahlkvist's penalty and a deflected free kick from Nilla Fischer were enough for Sweden to win.

"It was one of the better matches," Sweden coach Thomas Dennerby said.

Amy LePeilbet tripped Lotta Schelin in the box in the 14th minute, and Dahlkvist curled the resulting penalty to the left, snapping Hope Solo's streak of not conceding a goal at 796 minutes, the second longest in U.S. history.

The goalkeeper was unlucky in not being wrong-footed when Fischer's 25-yard free deflected off LePeilbet's thigh and went into the net in the 35th. The Swedes celebrated by dancing in the middle of the pitch.

Abby Wambach pulled one back in the 67th for the Americans, who squandered a host of chances to equalize and top the group

to avoid Brazil.

Poor finishing — Kelly O'Hara missed a wide-open net from about 8 yards in the 86th — could yet return to haunt the U.S. "Even though we lost, we can come out as a winner if we take a different path," U.S. coach Pia Sundhage said. "We really want to play in the final."

Brazil also had problems finishing before defender Erika broke the deadlock against dogged Equatorial Guinea with a piece of Samba magic in the 49th minute.

Erika controlled a loose ball on her chest, then tapped it over a defender with her right foot before unleashing an unstoppable volley with her left.

The player called it "a fantastic moment," not only for her but for the World Cup with so much expected from Brazil.

Marta was largely kept quiet by her marker Bruna, but she did manage to set up Cristiane for Brazil's second goal in the 54th before earning the penalty converted by Cristiane in injury time.

Despite failing to earn a



United States goalkeeper Hope Solo walks past team members following during the group C match between Sweden and the United States at the Women's Soccer World Cup in Wolfsburg, Germany, Wednesday, July 6, 2011.

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point at its first World Cup, Equatorial Guinea surprised many, with 22-year-old colorfully braided captain Anonman doing enough in three games to be rated among the tournament's top performers.

"She is our Marta," said coach Marcello Frigerio.

Kyah Simon scored twice for Australia after Elise Thorsnes had given Norway the lead in the 56th minute. Simon equalized a minute later, and sealed the win in the 87th.

"I'm just loving every moment," she said. □

Australia had never beaten Norway in four previous meetings. It's the first time Norway has failed to advance from the group stage at the World Cup.

"We stand together and we will come back strongly," Norway coach Eli Landsem said. "I can only say we're not happy with the result, but we will be back."

Before Sweden beat the U.S., Australia coach Tom Sermanni said he didn't mind who his side faced next.

"They're both easy. No problem," he joked. □

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Jeter the last great Yankee to celebrate

TIM DAHLBERG

AP Sports Columnist

Hit No. 3,000 was a big enough deal for Roberto Clemente that he couldn't sleep after a scorer's decision cost him the mark. Still, a crowd of just 13,117 turned out in Pittsburgh for the Saturday afternoon game when he doubled for what would be both the biggest and last regular season hit of a Hall of Fame career. They didn't show up knowing the career would be cut tragically short.

What stood for ceremony on Sept. 30, 1972, was a simple doff of the cap at second base and a shake of the umpire's hand. Later, fellow 3,000 club member Willie Mays — then playing for the Mets — would visit the opposing dugout to offer his congratulations.

Contrast that to what will likely happen sometime over the next few days at the house that George Steinbrenner built. Trailed by a documentary film crew and watched carefully by reporters from outlets Clemente never would have imagined, Derek Jeter will reach the milestone that defines true hitters in baseball. He'll be the first one in Yankees pinstripes to get his 3,000th hit, and the new Yankee Stadium will have some history of its own.

Nothing wrong with that, even if it promises to be over the top in the way only New York can deliver. Certainly there's nothing wrong with Jeter being feted as the Yankee hero that he is, even if he still may have some hard feelings over a contract the club gave him just so he would be around for this moment. There's little about Jeter that hasn't already been

said: He's a one-team player in an era where players change teams more often than their socks.

There will be a day in the not too distant future when he will get his own plaque in Monument Park. He's got five World Series rings, and the odds are good he will add at least one more before his current \$51 million deal expires in three years.

That he's not nearly the player he once was is hardly his fault. Age cruelly chips away at greatness and at 37, Jeter is a shortstop with limited range. He's a singles hitter who doesn't hit enough singles. Once he passes the 3,000 hit mark, the debate will be renewed in New York about the wisdom of keeping him at the top of the lineup. Cheer now because the next time there's a similar outpouring of love for Jeter, he'll be taking the field for the final time in his career.

If you need another reason, remember the next Yankee to chase a record will be Alex Rodriguez, who plays next to Jeter in the Yankees infield. Some fans might find it awfully hard to cheer for A-Rod as he goes after the greatest baseball record of them all — the career home run mark that still rightfully belongs to Henry Aaron.

A-Rod is the anti-Jeter, a petulant player with tremendous skills who seems to play the game only for himself. He convinced the Yankees into taking him on after three steroid-fueled years in Texas during which he hit 156 home runs, then got a new \$275 million deal before he was finally outed as a user of performance-enhancing drugs.

As part of that deal — negotiated by A-Rod himself — he will get a \$6 million bonus when he catches Mays on the home run list, and \$6 million more for each player he catches after that. There will be another \$6 million when he passes Barry Bonds to become the all-time home run leader, giving him \$30 million total for setting the mark.

And he probably will. In the next few weeks he could catch Ken Griffey Jr. at 630 home runs, putting him among the top five home run hitters of all time. From there, it's 30 home runs to Mays, and then the chase is really on.

That it's a fraudulent chase may not matter in New York. It certainly won't matter to the Yankees, who will surely use it to peddle those expensive seats behind home plate they can never seem to sell.

For those who care about the game, though, it will be distasteful. Baseball already has one steroid user atop the home run totals,



New York Yankees' Derek Jeter strikes out against Cleveland Indians starting pitcher Justin Masterson in the first inning of a baseball game, Wednesday, July 6, 2011, in Cleveland.

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and it hardly needs another. And A-Rod as the focal point of the home run chase during the next few years will be a daily reminder of all that went wrong with the sport and the people who stood by and allowed it to happen. All the more reason to celebrate Jeter as he goes after the last few hits he needs for entrance in a club that includes only 27 other ma-

ajor leaguers. Unlike the guy playing next to him, there's never been a whiff of scandal around Jeter, never a question that he might have done something illegal or unethical to get an edge. Jeter heads home Thursday for a four-game series against Tampa Bay at Yankee Stadium, where he and Yankee fans everywhere hope he gets hit No. 3,000. □

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Modern apothecary lines offer natural approach to skincare

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These days, even mainstream beauty creams sometimes make such improbable claims that they might as well be swarthy Lotharios. Think Nivea's My Silhouettel, whose maker was fined \$900,000 last week by the Federal Trade Commission for suggesting that consumers could slim down just by applying it.

Is it any wonder that some consumers are turning to modern apothecary brands – like Aesop and Malin+Goetz – that position themselves in the market as throwbacks to simpler times, when service was one-on-one and ingredients were pronounceable?

In a world when many cosmetics are mass-produced with mysterious chemicals, these luxury brands are bottling "authenticity" and the idea of transparency with oils, grains and herbs.

But once out of the bottle, applying them might not

herbalist and aesthetician and the founder of the New York-based line Between You and the Moon, for example, has a Sow Your Wild Oats powdered grain cleanser she mixes herself by five-pound batch.

Consumers who once might have put their faith in a doctor-endorsed brand to keep their skin in tip-top shape now sometimes turn to brands with naturally derived ingredients or natural products, which are viewed as "healthier" and "safer to use," said Karen Grant, vice president of NPD Group, a market research firm.

Medical jargon is so commonly used to market skin care, Grant added, that "we understand, 'Here's the clinically proven results from this sample.'" But apothecary brands might offer a "gentler product" and say generally "it will affect a change."

Julie Elliott is the creator behind the growing apothecary brand In Fiore, a line of

Americans are no longer spooked to the same degree by facial oil, and she believes that a growing factor in their popularity is simplicity. "We just need to manage our skin. It doesn't

cisco, now uses six In Fiore products, but said she was "terrified" to use their Pur facial oil to balance her oily skin, until the saleswoman convinced her to try. Now, Hodge, 32, said: "There's a

Jeremy Barbour (one of the stores will use industrial felt to quiet the bustle of the street). A flagship is set to arrive on Bleecker Street in the fall. All will, unlike Barneys, have sinks so consultants can test a regimen on your hand.

Malin+Goetz, a starkly packaged brand created in 2004 by Matthew Malin and Andrew Goetz, partners in business and in life, is sold at hip hotels, independent beauty stores like Space NK and in a free-standing apothecary-like boutique in New York.

In 2009, the pair opened an Upper West Side store, a futuristic mix of walnut reclaimed from a demolished mansion and gleaming white laminate to showcase their unisex 50-product line that, Malin said, "starts with natural ingredients" but also uses technology to "create better performance from them."

In the next five years, the founders plan to open more apothecaries in Los Angeles and Chicago.

The great-granddaddy of such ventures is Kiehl's Since 1851, which began as a pharmacy in the East Village and created icons like Creme de Corps. It was acquired by L'Oréal in 2000 and now has 35 free-standing stores along with counters at Bloomingdale's and Bergdorf Goodman.

This month, Kiehl's plans to open Spa 1851 on the Upper East Side, offering anti-aging facials, exfoliating peels, barber services, massages and dermatological machinery. Chris Salgardo, the president of Kiehl's USA, characterized the spa as a return to Kiehl's roots; visiting the original pharmacy, he said, was "the ultimate in one-on-one service."

But some customers are skeptical of apothecary brands. Their clean minimalist packaging connotes "Hey, I'm natural," Gelula said, but she went on, "I feel tricked by Kiehl's and Malin+Goetz because it looks more natural than it is. It's a little wolf in sheep's clothing, because the formulations aren't of true apothecaries" like In Fiore. □



Nina Fayleyeva, a Kiehl's representative, helps a customer at Bloomingdales in New York, June 30, 2011. Skincare consumers are moving toward simpler times and turning to brands with natural products or naturally derived ingredients.

(Donna Alberico/The New York Times)

need to be that complicated."

Indeed, plain-spoken apothecary brands can be mistakenly viewed as an alternative to "chemical-laden, traditionally formulated, magic-claim-making products," said Melissa Gelula, a founder of the wellness website wellandgood-nyc.com.

Thanks to the Internet, smaller names like In Fiore, Between You and the Moon and Farmaesthetics (from Newport, R.I.) have gained a foothold without many brick-and-mortar outposts, or counter space at department stores.

But the low overhead of online commerce isn't the only reason apothecary brands are in vogue, said Karen Young, chief executive of the Young Group, a marketing and branding company, and who used to be a vice president for marketing at Lancôme.

"It's a convergence of forces," Young said, pointing to baby boomers looking for alternatives to their current choices in food and skin care; skepticism toward big companies; and a catch-all movement she characterized as "holistic, organic, do your yoga and eat your vegetables." Allison Hodge, a yoga teacher in San Fran-



Erika Pahk shows Kota Furui products at In Fiore, a line of body balms, cold-pressed herbal infusions and facial oils in San Francisco, June 29, 2011. Skincare consumers are moving toward simpler times and turning to brands with natural products or naturally derived ingredients.

(Heidi Schumann/The New York Times)

necessarily be simple. It's not always obvious how to use a powdered cleanser (mix it with water, cream or yogurt) or what on earth a hydrosol is (a liquid, sometimes used as a toner, made by distilling water through plant material).

Some apothecary brands literally have a "kitchen chemist" or herbalist mixing batches of skin care products and dispensing product advice by email or phone. Emma Graves, an

body balms, cold-pressed herbal infusions and facial oils based in San Francisco with 10 employees. Back in 1999, when her line was all balms and oils, buyers were "afraid," she said.

"Americans generally want lotions," Elliott said. "When you're using oils or balms, it really is about taking time out for yourself, taking time to massage oil into your skin and allowing it to absorb." But now, she said, "People are coming around."

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Facebook launches video calls, group chat features

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AP Technology Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Quick on the heels of Google's launch of its latest social-networking venture, Facebook said Wednesday that its 750 million users will now be able to make video calls on the site. The feature will be powered by the Internet phone service Skype. Facebook also redesigned its chat feature, so that the people a user messages

the most often show up first. To make video calls, Facebook users with webcam-equipped computers have to select the friends they want to chat with. In the chat window that pops up, clicking on a small blue video icon brings up the video chat feature. Currently there is no option to video chat more than one person. That feature is available on Google Plus, a social service that Google

began testing last week with a small number of invited users.

Facebook is also adding a group chat option. This works much the same way as the group chat on Google Plus. Once you are chatting with one friend, you can click an icon to add more people to the conversation.

Facebook's new products come after a relatively quiet period for the world's



Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg talks about Group Chat and Video Calling during an announcement at Facebook headquarters in Palo Alto, Calif., Wednesday, July 6, 2011.

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Germany warns of Apple security hole

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Associated Press

BERLIN (AP) — The software running Apple's iPhones, iPads and the iPod Touch has "critical weaknesses" that could be used by criminals to gain access to confidential data on the devices, Germany's IT security agency warned Wednesday.

Clicking on an infected PDF file "is sufficient to infect the mobile device with malware without the user's knowledge" on several versions of Apple's iOS operating system, the Federal Office for Information Security said. The same could occur when opening a website that carries an infected PDF file, possibly opening the device to criminals spying on passwords, planners, photos, text messages, emails and even listen in on phone conversations.

"The weak points allow possible attackers to gain administrator rights and get access to the entire system," it said.

The problem may occur on all devices — iPhone 3GS, iPhone 4, iPad, iPad 2 and the iPod Touch — with software versions including iOS 4.3.3, and it "cannot be ex-

cluded" that other iOS versions have the same weakness, it said.

Apple Inc. has yet to offer a patch to fix the problem, the agency added.

Apple Germany spokesman Georg Albrecht told The Associated Press he was aware of the warning, adding that Apple would not comment on it.

The agency said it was in contact with the firm re-

email attachment or those opening through websites.

"Possible scenarios for attacks by cyber criminals include the extraction of confidential information (passwords, online banking data, calendars, e-mails, SMS or contacts), accessing the device's cameras, the user's GPS data as well as listening in on phone conversations," the statement said. □



Two Oracle workers photographs a fellow worker during a Oracle conference in Redwood City, Calif., Thursday, June 30, 2011. The right worker uses his Apple's iPhone and the left worker uses a Research in Motion's BlackBerry.

Associated Press

garding the security hole. No attacks taking advantage of it have been reported so far, "but it must be expected that attackers will soon exploit the weak points," it said.

The agency urges the devices' users to refrain from opening PDF files of unknown origin, be it as an

largest online social network. Zuckerberg, 26, said the company is embarking on "launching season 2011." Users can expect "a lot of stuff coming out" from Facebook in the next couple of weeks and months, he said at an event at the company's Palo Alto, Calif., headquarters.

Facebook updated its user count — to 750 million users worldwide — for the first time since last summer, when it reached half a billion people. Zuckerberg said that's because "we don't think it's a metric to watch anymore."

Rather, Facebook is paying more attention to how much its users are sharing with one another. That number is growing at a much faster rate than its

monthly user base. Currently, people share 4 billion items, such as photos, status updates and links, every day using Facebook.

Without mentioning Google by name, Zuckerberg said that "independent entrepreneurs and companies focused on one particular thing will always do better than companies that try to do everything."

For Facebook, that one thing has been creating an online social infrastructure that other companies, such as Skype, can then add their own products to.

Skype has agreed to be bought by Microsoft Corp. for \$8.5 billion in a deal expected to close by the end of the year. Microsoft owns a small stake in Facebook. □

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Visa sees debit card rules slowing growth in 2012

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NEW YORK (AP) — Visa Inc. on Wednesday warned that its revenue and earnings growth will slow in 2012 after new regulations on the fees banks can charge for debit card transactions kick in.

The San Francisco payments network operator repeated an earlier forecast for its current fiscal year, which ends Sept. 30, for revenue growth between 11 percent and 15 percent and earnings-per-share growth of greater than 20 percent.

Next year, however, Visa said it expects its revenue growth to slow to the high-single-digit to low-double-digit range. The company

expects earnings-per-share growth to slow to the mid-to-high teens.

Analysts, on average, were forecasting 11 percent revenue growth and 16 percent earnings growth for 2012.

The slowdown will reflect the rules announced by the Federal Reserve last week that kick in on Oct. 1 and next April. The first will limit the fees that banks can charge retailers for processing debit card transactions. The second will give merchants the power to decide which network handles their transactions.

Together, the two could drive down the revenue for the banks that are Visa's customers. While transaction fees are not paid di-

rectly to Visa, it's expected that the network operator will have to reduce some of the fees it charges banks. And since it operates the biggest debit card networks, giving merchants choice to go to other processors will also have an impact.

"We expect that fiscal 2012 will bear the weight of the regulations financially, and in fiscal 2013 revenue growth will regain momentum off of 2012s level," CEO Joseph Saunders said during a conference call to discuss the forecast.

Because Visa's fiscal year ends in September it was able to keep its forecast for the current year. Since the Fed moved the date the fee cap will kick in from July 21 to Oct. 1, it will have no



Steve Wheelock holds up his Discover Card along with his American Express, Bank of America and Capital One Visa credit cards in San Francisco, Wednesday, June 22, 2011.

Associated Press

End near for endless data use on smartphones



In this Feb. 10, 2011 file photo, Chris Cioban, manager of the Verizon store in Beachwood, Ohio, holds up an Apple iPhone 4G.

Associated Press

By RACHEL METZ

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SAN FRANCISCO (AP) —

When Verizon Wireless kills off its unlimited data plan for new smartphone customers on Thursday, it will mark another blow for endless Web surfing and video streaming.

The move by the nation's largest wireless carrier has long been anticipated. More people are switching to smartphones and using an increasing amount of data for all manner of wireless activities.

The shift could help wireless carriers ensure that they can handle the traffic flowing over the new higher-speed "4G," or fourth-generation, data networks they're rolling out.

AT&T Inc. and T-Mobile USA, the second- and fourth-largest U.S. carriers, respectively, have already set limits on monthly data usage. AT&T uses tiered data plans like the one Verizon is rolling out,

while T-Mobile slows data speeds for unlimited data plan customers who use

up their monthly allotment. Sprint Nextel Corp., the country's third-largest carrier, still offers an unlimited plan.

The death of unlimited wireless data is happening as service providers see an explosion in data usage, due mainly to an ever-growing number of smartphone users. According to market researcher comScore Inc., 77 million people in the U.S. had smartphones in the first three months of the year — up 11 percent from a year earlier. And according to a Nielsen study, smartphone users' average data growth climbed 89 percent to 435 megabytes in the same time frame.

Simply put, there's more profit to be made with capped data plans. Steve Clement, a Pacific Crest Securities analyst, said this growth just won't work with a fixed-pricing model over time, so to make money from the surging traffic the carriers have to try something else.

By moving away from unlimited plans, the carriers can profit more from the heaviest data users.

And, as RBC analyst Jona-

than Atkin pointed out, by offering low-level data packages — such as the 200 megabyte plans that T-Mobile and AT&T offer — they can bring in more smartphone users.

Part of the move to capped data is to get consumers accustomed to the idea that data isn't a limitless resource.

If carriers didn't move to usage-based data plans while rolling out newer speedy data networks, the networks would get abused, Zachary Investment Research analyst Patrick Comack said.

And while the pricing of Verizon's network is higher than AT&T's, its service is speedier, so it can charge a premium for now.

Verizon Wireless' current unlimited plan costs existing users \$30 per month. With the new plans, smartphone users will choose between paying \$30 for 2 gigabytes, \$50 for 5 gigabytes or \$80 for 10 gigabytes of monthly data usage. Customers who use more than their allotment will be charged \$10 more for each additional gigabyte. □

impact on Visa's results for fiscal 2011.

U.S. debit revenue accounts for about 20 percent of the company's overall revenue, Saunders said during the call.

The CEO said Visa prepared for different scenarios while it waited for the Fed to decide on the new debit rules. Now that they are in place, Visa can go forward with its plans.

But Saunders declined to spell out how the company will respond, deferring specifics to late July, when it reports fiscal third-quarter financial results, and October, when it reports for the full year.

He did say, however, that "providing some level of incentives to specific merchants may be an effective strategy" to ensure Visa receives profits from their ability to choose processing networks.

"We will compete vigorously to maintain (the) Visa routing preference and have several strategies we will put into action to achieve this outcome," Saunders said.

For the current year, Visa's forecast translates to revenue of between \$8.95 billion and \$9.11 billion and earnings of at least \$4.84 per share. □

Auto industry, seeing new life, is on hiring spree

By DEE-ANN DURBIN

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DETROIT (AP)—Volkswagen opened a plant in Tennessee last month with 2,000 workers. Honda is hiring 1,000 in Indiana to meet demand for its best-selling Civic. General Motors is looking for 2,500 in Detroit to build the Chevy Volt.

Two years after the end of the Great Recession, the auto industry is hiring again—and much faster than the rest of the economy. As an employer, it's growing faster than airplane manufacturers, shipbuilders, health care providers and the federal government.

The hiring spree is even more remarkable because memories of the U.S. auto industry's near-death experience are fresh. In 2009, General Motors and Chrysler both got government bailouts and entered bankruptcy, and auto sales hit a 30-year low.

In June of that year, about 623,000 people were employed by the auto industry in the United States, the fewest since the early 1980s. Now the figure is almost 700,000, a 12 percent increase.

Sales are back up, too, and automakers are hiring by the thousands to meet increased demand.

"The buzz is incredible around here about what opportunity we're going to get if we can build a great product," says Ben



In this June 28, 2011 photo, Ben Edwards, team leader on assembly line number 6, makes adjustments to the door frame of a new Volkswagen Passat in Chattanooga, Tennessee. Mr. Edwards is a new auto employee at the Volkswagen plant which opened on May 24, 2011.

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Edwards, who went to work for Volkswagen in Chattanooga, Tenn., last year and is now a team leader on an assembly line that installs tires and seats.

Edwards was working as a general contractor until the housing market dried up. He says the pay at Volkswagen, which starts at \$14.50 an hour, is fair and the benefits are generous.

Besides hiring 2,000 people itself, Volkswagen figures the plant, where it will make its new Passat, will create 9,000 spin-off jobs in the region, including 500 at auto-supplier plants that are springing up nearby.

Automakers are hiring again because car sales are rising.

Americans bought 10.4 million cars and trucks in 2009 and 11.6 million in 2010. This year, they're on track to buy 13 million or more, and auto companies are adding shifts to meet the demand.

"Everybody got so lean and mean during the downturn that they're trying to rebuild staff," says Charles Chesbrough, a senior economist with IHS Automotive.

The auto industry's 12 percent increase in jobs compares with a 0.2 percent gain for the economy as a whole, excluding farming and adjusted for seasonal variation, since June 2009. The Labor Department reports Friday on jobs gained

or lost last month.

In a normal economic recovery, improvement in the housing market leads the way by creating construction jobs. But home prices haven't stopped falling, and the construction industry has shed 8 percent of its workers since June 2009 — 474,000 jobs in all.

The gains in the auto industry have been small by comparison. But they do create positive ripple effects for the economy. The Center for Automotive Research estimates that every new auto manufacturing job leads to nine other jobs — from parts makers to restaurants that feed auto-workers.

The auto gains have been widespread, with the Midwest the biggest beneficiary. In Ohio alone, auto manufacturing jobs have risen 31 percent the past two years, while parts makers in Michigan have added nearly 20,000 jobs.

Parts jobs are also up 15 percent in Alabama, where workers make parts for Mercedes SUVs and Honda minivans, and in Kentucky, where the Chevrolet Corvette and Toyota Camry are made.

Before the turnaround, new auto jobs were scarce. Detroit's auto companies had too many factories, high wages and bloated bureaucratic management. Jobs began disappearing in 2006 and 2007 as U.S. automakers tried desperately to restructure. Dozens of auto suppliers were pushed into bankruptcy.

Then came 2008, when gas prices spiked and the financial crisis struck. The industry lost almost one in every four of its jobs. By the time GM and Chrysler got out of bankruptcy, in June 2009, the industry employed about half as many people as it did in 2000.

Sales and profits have risen ever since, and payrolls have followed. GM, Ford and Chrysler are all making money for the first time since the mid-2000s and adding workers to build popular models like the revamped Ford Explorer. □

Stock market shrugs off weak service sector report

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AP Business Writers

NEW YORK (AP)—Stock indexes managed slight gains Wednesday as investors shrugged off slower growth in the U.S. service sector.

The Institute for Supply Management reported Wednesday that business growth slowed at U.S. service providers in June. Financial companies and health care providers reported the weakest results. On the positive side, June marked the 19th consecutive month of growth at service companies, which employ the majority of American workers.

U.S. stocks opened mixed after a broad sell-off in Europe and another interest rate hike in China.

Major banks fell sharply after Moody's lowered Portugal's credit rating to

"junk" status late Tuesday. That raised fresh concerns about the strength of the European financial system and investment banks' exposure to possible bond defaults. Bank of America Corp. lost 2.4 percent. JPMorgan Chase dropped 1.2 percent.

Some investors were surprised that stock indexes held up after the weak economic report. Dorsey Farr, a co-founder of Atlanta investment advisory firm French Wolf & Farr, said attractive stock prices in technology and pharmaceutical companies helped the market rebound.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 1.34 to close at 1,339.22. Rupert Murdoch's News Corp. was among the index's biggest losers, dropping 3.6 percent, as a phone-hacking scandal engulfed one of the media giant's tabloids. Some British legislators

called on regulators to block News Corp. from taking over British Sky Broadcasting.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 56.15 points, or 0.4 percent, to close at 12,626.02. Caterpillar Inc. rose 1.5 percent, the most of any stock in the average, followed by Intel Corp. The Nasdaq added 8.25 points, or 0.3 percent, to 2,834.02.

China raised a key interest rate for the third time this year in an attempt to curb inflation. Many U.S. companies have focused on the country as a source of profit growth and are hoping that interest rate hikes there will not lead to an economic slump. Among U.S. companies, General Motors gained 1 percent after analysts upgraded the stock. Walgreen Co. rose 1.5 percent after reporting strong June sales. □



In this June 22, 2011 file photo, trader John Panin, center, works on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange. Global stock markets were mostly lower Wednesday, July 6, 2011, as investors focused attention on Europe's debt crisis as bankers worked out how they would contribute to a rescue for debt-ridden Greece.

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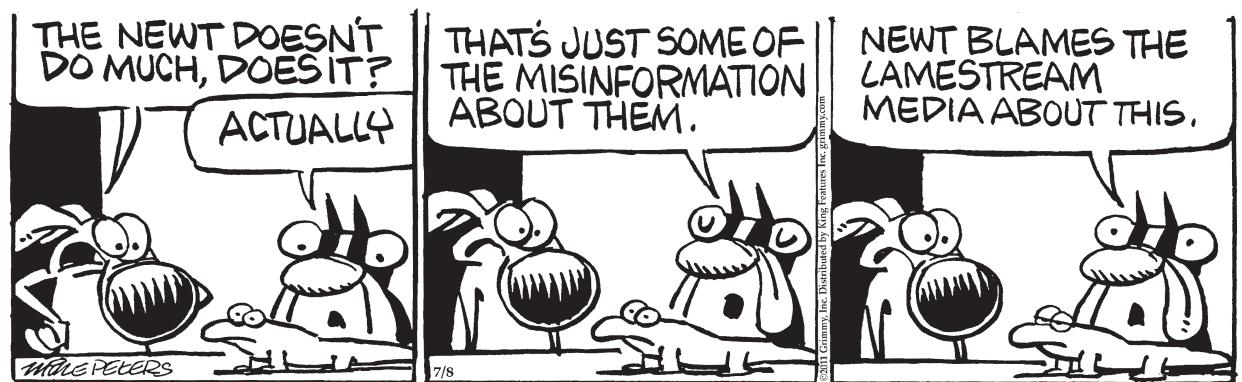
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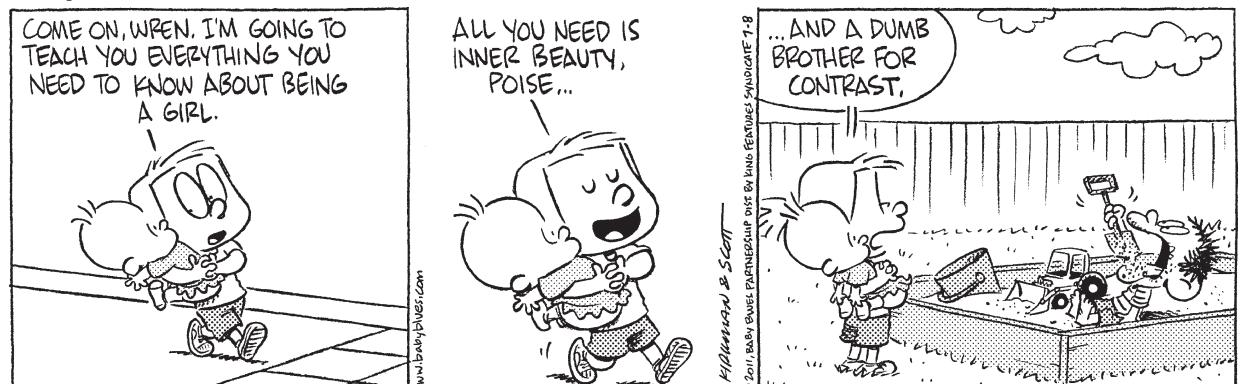
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43 __ as a beet
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Today is Thursday, July 7, the 188th day of 2011. There are 177 days left in the year.
Highlights in history on this date:

1718 - Alexis, son of Russia's Peter the Great, dies in a Moscow fortress after being tortured on his father's orders and questioned about a conspiracy.

1753 - Act is passed for naturalization of Jews in England.

1815 - Allied forces enter Paris following Napoleon Bonaparte's abdication.

1898 - United States annexes island of Hawaii.

1937 - Japanese and Chinese troops clash near Marco Polo Bridge, Beijing, an incident that leads to Sino-Japanese war.

1960 - Belgium sends troops to the newly independent Congo.

1973 - Iraq executes 23 people accused of attempting to overthrow government.

1987 - At least 46 Hindus are killed in India in two attacks on buses by suspected Sikh terrorists.

1990 - Diplomats say thousands of Albanians crowding into foreign embassies will be allowed to leave their communist homeland.

1991 - King Hussein of Jordan cancels martial law provisions that went into effect after Jordan lost the West Bank in the 1967 Arab-Israeli war.

1993 - Hurricane Calvin hits the Mexican mainland, leaving a trail of flooding and destruction along the Pacific Coast.

1994 - Yemen's two-month civil war ends when northern troops overrun the southern capital.

1995 - After nearly four months in orbit, American astronaut Norman Thagard lands at Kennedy Space Center with seven others who took part in the first U.S.-Russian space linkup in 20 years.

1997 - Britain's House of Lords backs a bill that would give princesses equal rights with princes in succession to the throne.

1998 - Nigeria's most prominent political prisoner, Mo-

shood Abiola, dies of an apparent heart attack a few days before he was expected to be released.

1999 - A strike by more than 200,000 unionized truck drivers enters its third — and last day — snarling traffic throughout Argentina. The



Today is Ringo Starr's birthday

protest is against a new tax on automobiles, boats and aircraft earmarked to boost teachers' salaries.

2000 - Eager kids around the globe grab volumes of "Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire", the boy wizard's fourth magical adventure — a massive hit even before its publication.

2001 - After four days the U.S surrenders Air Force Sgt. Timothy Woodland, accused of rape, to Japanese authorities. He is later sentenced to 32 months in jail. U.S. officials' delay enraged people on Okinawa, where three American servicemen raped a 12-year-old girl in 1995.

2002 - At least 34 miners die when a fire breaks out in a coal mine in the eastern Ukraine region of Donetsk.

2003 - U.S. President George W. Bush's administration acknowledges for the first time that Bush relied on faulty intelligence when he claimed in his January State of the Union address that Iraq had sought to buy uranium from Africa.

2004 - The government announces that the U.S. military will review the indi-

vidual cases of the 595 prisoners at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, to determine whether they are legally held.

2005 - A string of rush-hour explosions tear into at least three London subway trains and a double-decker bus in the worst attack on London since World War II, killing at least 52 people and injuring 700.

2006 - Spain reports its first case of H5N1 bird flu, discovered in a wild fowl in a marshland area.

2007 - A suicide truck bomber blasts a Shiite town north of Baghdad, killing more than 100 people.

2008 - A suicide car bomb explodes outside the Indian Embassy in central Kabul, killing 40 people.

2009 — Sobbing Muslim women scuffle with riot police, and Chinese men wielding steel pipes, meat cleavers and sticks rampage through the streets of Urumqi as ethnic tensions worsened in China's oil-rich Xinjiang territory.

2010 — Scientists say ancient man ventured into northern Europe far earlier than previously thought, settling on England's east coast more than 800,000 years ago.

Today's Birthdays:

Gustav Mahler, Austrian composer (1860-1911); Marc Chagall, Russian artist (1887-1985); Vittorio de Sica, Italian director (1901-1974); Margaret Walker, U.S. writer (1915-1998); Pierre Cardin, French fashion designer (1922--); Shelley Duvall, U.S. actress (1949--); Ringo Starr, British musician (1940--).

Thought For Today:
Memory depends very much on the perspicuity, regularity, and order of our thoughts. Many complain of the want of memory, when the defect is in their judgment; and others, by grasping at all, retain nothing — Margaret Fuller, American critic and social reformer (1810-1850).□

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Aniston goes raunchy for "Horrible Bosses"

LAURI NEFF

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — In her new film, "Horrible Bosses," Jennifer Aniston's character is one you haven't seen her play before. She's a dentist who sexually harasses her assistant, complete with lewd dialogue, revealing outfits and outlandish advances.

She's the latest actress to take on a raunchy role usually reserved for men, following the recent trail of trash talk from Cameron Diaz in "Bad Teacher" and the cast of "Bridesmaids." Better known for playing sweeter characters in romantic comedies, Aniston acknowledges that her "Bosses" role is a "departure," but she says she couldn't resist sinking her "teeth into something this juicy."

"The minute it showed up at my door and I read her first scene I was dying to do it," the actress said in a recent interview to promote the film, which opens Friday.

Aniston also admits, however, that when it came time to do the character, she wondered what she had gotten herself into.

"The truth is when you get there you go, 'Oh God, now I have to do this, like, in front of people,'" she said. Aniston refers to one scene where she's trying to blackmail her assistant (Charlie Day) into having an affair with her using photos she took of him while he was unconscious.

"It's like, you think it's so hysterical and great," she explains, "but then comes the day when you actually have to straddle sweet Charlie Day with his pants down and it's just that day, you're like, 'Oh God. I choose to do this, right?' Yes."

The 42-year-old actress declined to comment on her reported relationship with Justin Theroux, her co-star in the upcoming film "Wanderlust" and someone she's been seen with around New York City. She does concede she's spending more time in Manhattan these days, amid media reports she just purchased a West Village apartment. But while she loves being in New York, Aniston says she

bopping back and forth" for now.

As for reports that she "stole" Theroux from his girlfriend, Aniston says she just blocks out that sort of press as much as she can. "You turn it off. You can't listen to it. It's toxic. It's noise. It's soap opera stories. It's headlines. It's selling magazines," she says.

Aniston says while such news coverage is "part of our culture, unfortunately," she doesn't understand it.



Jennifer Aniston, a cast member in "Horrible Bosses," poses at the premiere of the film, Thursday, June 30, 2011, in Los Angeles. The film is released on July 8.

(AP Photo/Chris Pizzello)

hasn't abandoned her home base in Los Angeles. Instead, she says she'll "be

"People don't like good news. People want bad news sometimes." □

Entertainment Briefs

Harry Potter actors bid adieu

LONDON (AP) — Daniel Radcliffe will miss being an action hero. Emma Watson will miss being a role model. Robbie Coltrane will simply miss getting to play a good guy. The cast and crew of the "Harry Potter" movies have been saying goodbye to their characters on the eve of the premiere of the eighth and final film in the magical adventure series.

When they met the press at a valedictory news conference Wednesday, it felt like the last day of school — a warm mixture of release and regret. Radcliffe, Watson and Rupert Grint have grown up in the films over the past decade, playing young wizards Harry, Hermione and Ron as they progress through Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry, and fight the dark forces of Lord Voldemort. □

Bret Michaels suit moved to N.Y.

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Bret Michaels' lawsuit over an accident at the Tony Awards that he claims nearly killed him is heading east after a federal judge in Los Angeles determined the case should be heard in New York. U.S. District Judge Dolly Gee ruled Tuesday that it makes more sense for the case to be heard in Manhattan, where the Poison frontman was struck in the head by a set piece after performing at the 2009 Tonys. Michaels sued CBS Broadcasting and organizers of the awards show in Los Angeles in March, claiming the injury contributed to a brain hemorrhage that nearly killed him. The network and Tony organizers, however, argued the case should be heard in New York since almost all the witnesses to the accident live there. □

Taylor Swift postpones concerts



Taylor Swift

ATLANTA (AP) — Artist Taylor Swift says she's postponing concerts this week in Atlanta and Charlotte, North Carolina, because she has bronchitis. Swift said in a statement that she's been advised by her doctor that she's not well enough to perform shows in Charlotte on Friday and in Atlanta this weekend. She said the Atlanta show has been rescheduled for Oct. 1, and the Charlotte show will now be Nov. 16. □

Nelson deal in pot case rejected

EL PASO, Texas (AP) — A judge has rejected a plea deal that would have resolved Willie Nelson's marijuana possession case in West Texas with a fine, saying the country singer shouldn't get what she considers special treatment.

Nelson was arrested in November after a Border Patrol agent said 6 ounces of marijuana were found on Nelson's tour bus. Judge Becky Dean-Walker told The Associated Press on Wednesday that she rejected prosecutor Kit Bramblett's suggestion that Nelson resolve the case by pleading guilty and paying a \$500 fine for possession of drug paraphernalia.

Dean-Walker claims the prosecutor "doesn't do that for anybody else." The judge says Nelson should be charged with the misdemeanor marijuana possession, which carries up to a year in jail. Bramblett didn't return a call Wednesday. Nelson's publicist declined comment. □

Couture ends with revolution, as masses enter show



Models wear creations for the Elie Saab Fall-Winter 2011-2012 Haute Couture fashion collection presented in Paris, Wednesday, July 6, 2011.

(AP Photo/Francois Mori)

JENNY BARCHFIELD

AP Fashion Writer

PARIS (AP) — Paris' three-day-long fall-winter 2011-12 haute couture extravaganza wrapped up Wednesday with a mini revolution that challenged the established order of this elitist world by allowing the uninitiated masses into a show. Normally only a reduced cadre of fashion editors, stylists and journalists, as well as the ever-dwindling numbers of fabulously wealthy women who regularly sink five-figure sums into a made-to-measure dress attend couture shows. But French couturier Frank Sorbier took the bold move of selling tickets to his show on the internet to anyone with an interest in fashion and 31 euros (\$44) to spare.

"You can buy tickets to concerts, to plays, to stand-up comedy acts, and really a fashion show is a kind of spectacle, too, with dra-

ma, emotion and beauty," said Sorbier. "So I figured, why not sell tickets to my show, too?"

Still, Sorbier's revolutionary spirit didn't spill over to the day's other shows, which remained, in true couture style, invitation-only events attended by an extraordinarily well-heeled insider audience.

Valentino was held in a stately Paris mansion, and the feather-light chemisier dresses exuded a retro *tres Parisien* elegance that was very much in keeping with the surroundings. Elie Saab — the Lebanese designer whose high-wattage *va-va-voom* gowns have conquered a thousand red carpets the world over — also delivered a light, airy collection of sequin and tulle confections.

Feathers flew at Jean Paul Gaultier, where plumage plucked from just about avian species from the com-

mon chicken to the stately swan dressed up his gorgeously cut staples — pinstriped suits, trench coats and bustiers. The show was raucous and ended with a tuxedoed Gaultier racing off the catwalk, out of the building and down the street to a launch party for his new perfume "Kokorico" — which translates, appropriately enough, to *cock-a-doodle-doo* in French. Other highlights of the week included debuts on the couture calendar by Giambattista Valli, whose retro Italian glamour has won him flocks of jet-setting fans, and inventive up-and-coming Dutch woman Iris Van Herpen, who sent out a ball gown made entirely out of twisted metal wire. Attention to detail was pushed to the outer limits of sanity at Givenchy, with ten astounding looks in tulle, pearls and tiny iridescent beads that each took upward of 2,000 hours of painstaking labor.

At Chanel, the set alone sufficed to take people's breath away. The deep-pocketed house built a life-sized replica of Paris' jewelry Mecca, Place Vendome, swapping Napoleon for founder Coco Chanel atop the square's iconic towering column. Spring-summer 2012 couture shows will take place in January.

ELIE SAAB

Saab has the formula down pat: Take miles of flowing silks and tulle, whip the fabrics into flattering, nip-waisted silhouettes and cover them with a ton of shimmering sequins and beads and you've got yourself a red carpet winner.

The Lebanese designer didn't stray Wednesday from the winning recipe that has helped him conquer red carpets worldwide. But then again, with gowns that look that good, why would he?

Models walked the catwalk in artfully draped bustier gowns with long flowing skirts cinched at their waists with skinny belts.

Fans installed near the photographers' pit billowed the

dresses' flowing chiffon just so for the photos, and the battery of flashes electrified the intricate bead work. The dresses were feather-light and ultra-sheer, but slap on a lining and you'd be ready to go to your next movie premier, gala dinner or black tie soiree.

JEAN PAUL GAULTIER

Like a fox in the proverbial hen-house, Gaultier served up plumage from every bird he could get his hands on. Rooster, ostrich, swan, turkey and pheasant feathers peeked out from the hemlines of trench coats and fluttered out from beneath the necklines of bustiers and other Gaultier staples. And even when they weren't visible from the outside, the feathers were there on the inside, stuffing the puffer jackets and A-line skirts made from down-filled duvets.

A cropped leather jacket was entirely embroidered with black rooster's feathers that gleamed darkly,

like an oil slick. A model appeared to be transforming, "Black Swan"-style, into a macaw, her bustier an explosion of feathers in saturated tropical shades. In a nod to the blockbuster movie, Gaultier paired tutus with his signature pinstriped suits and sent out high heels that looked like satin pointe shoes with a metal platform to hike up the heel.

Gaultier has a prodigious imagination, and his creativity can sometimes get the upper hand and overshadow the clothes themselves, but Wednesday's collection hit the sweet spot between fancy and rigor.

VALENTINO

Loaded with beads, rhinestones and sequins, couture is generally a weighty business. But Valentino kept it whisper-light with a collection of sheer chemisier gowns that were about as substantial as one of Gaultier's feathers. □



Anne Hathaway arrives at the "White Fairy Tale Love Ball" party at the Widéville castle near Paris, Wednesday, July 6, 2011.

(AP Photo/Thibault Camus)



MAUREEN DOWD

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WASHINGTON — I knew I should have been out eating charred meat or watching a bad Michael Bay movie.

But I couldn't help myself. Every Fourth-of-July weekend, I get sucked into the spooky little dimension of "The Twilight Zone." As the annual Syfy marathon proves, Rod Serling's hypnotic show is as relevant as ever.

If Anthony Weiner had watched it, he might have been more aware of how swiftly, and chillingly, our technology can turn on us. Prosecutors and reporters, dumbfounded by dramatic reversals in the cases of tabloid villains DSK and Casey Anthony, might do well to keep in mind Serling's postmodern mantra: Nothing is what it seems.

Agnes Moorehead may seem to be a lonely farmwoman under attack by scary little robots, but after she kills them and takes an ax to their spaceship, it turns out that she's the scary Amazon alien and the little men were U.S. astronauts from Earth.

Ensorcelled once more by that inimitable, smoke-filled Serling voice, which is reassuring and unnerving at once, I wondered how the ingenious TV writer would have used social media and search engines in his plots. Given the way Serling treated time travel, space odysseys, robots and aliens, the 21st-century technology giants would probably have been ominous in one narrative and benign in another. (Just like in life.)

No doubt some characters would have been saved and others destroyed by Twitter, Facebook and Google.

"When you look at 'Twilight Zone' episodes, everything is ambivalent," said Serling's friend Doug Brode, who, along with Serling's widow, Carol, wrote "Rod Serling and 'The Twilight Zone: The 50th Anniversary Tribute,'" published in 2009. "Rod had an open mind to the good, the bad and the in-between of technology. He was a guarded optimist until the Kennedy assassination. After that, his work reflected his sense of hopelessness."

The Twitter zone

He said that Serling's father, a middle-class grocer, lost his business in the Depression, so Rod had an early lesson in reversals. Serling also had a devastating experience while serving in World War II. During a lull at the Battle of Leyte Gulf in the Pacific, he was standing with his arm around a good friend and they were having their picture taken. At that moment, an Air Force plane dropped a box of extra ammunition that landed on Serling's friend and flattened him so fatally that he couldn't even be seen under the box. "Many 'Zone' episodes are about that split-second of fate where somebody arbitrarily gets spared or, absurdly, does not," Brode said.

Serling himself lived a reversal, going from a trailer park after the war and 40 rejection slips in a row to having a big Hollywood house and a pool. But he grew disdainful of Babylon's corrupting materialism and moved back to a cottage on Cayuga Lake in upstate New York. Serling fought furiously against censorship and ads, asking how you could write meaningful drama when it was interrupted every 15 minutes by "12 dancing rabbits with toilet paper?"

In one "Twilight Zone," an inept screenwriter conjures up Shakespeare to help him. The Bard produces a dazzling screenplay but then storms out when the sponsor demands a lot of revisions.

Did Serling, who had a searing sense of social and racial justice, believe in God?

"Not Charlton Heston sitting on a cloud with the Ten Commandments, but absolutely, as a force in the universe, he did," Brode said. "Nearly 35 years ago, George Lucas told me that the whole concept of the Force comes from Rod Serling."

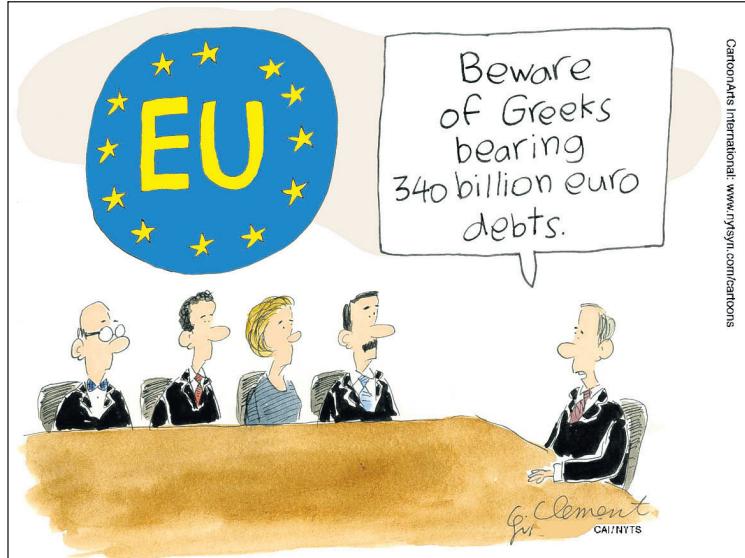
It's impossible not to watch a stretch of the endlessly inventive Serling and not notice how many of his plots have been ripped off for movies, and how ahead of his time he was. In a popular new Samsung ad, a young woman jumps up from the lunch table and begins screaming because the tarantula screensaver on her colleague's 4G phone is so lifelike; another guy at the table takes off his shoe and smashes it.

There's a "Twilight Zone" episode where a Western gunfighter time-travels forward and goes into a bar, where he sees a TV with a cowboy coming toward him. Thinking it's real, he pulls out his pistol and shoots the screen.

Looking at this summer's lame

crop of movies and previews you can appreciate Serling's upbraiding of the entertainment industry for "our mediocrity, our imitativeness, our commercialism and, all too frequently, our deadening and deadly lack of creativity and courage."

"The Twilight Zone" was never gangbusters in the ratings, and Serling — who smoked on-screen — died at 50 from the ravages of six packs a day. He felt like a sellout and failure. He had sold syndication rights for his show to CBS for a few million, thinking he had not written anything of lasting value.



Sadly, he gave himself a trick ending. He died never realizing how influential he

would be. "Everything today is Rod Serling," said Brode. "Everything." □



ROSS DOUTHAT

© 2011 New York Times In 44 states, the future of gay marriage still depends on legislatures, governors and voters — and eventually, perhaps, Supreme Court Justice Anthony Kennedy. But in New York, as in five states before it, gay marriage's future is in the hands of gay couples themselves.

Over the decades ahead, their choices will gradually transform gay marriage from an idea into a culture: They'll determine the social expectations associated with gay wedlock, the gay marriage and divorce rates, the differences and similarities between gay and lesbian unions, the way marriage interacts with gay parenting, and much more besides. They'll also help determine gay marriage's impact on the broader culture of matrimony in America.

One possibility is that gay marriage will end up being a force for marital conservatism, among gays and straights alike. In this vision, the norms of heterosexual marriage will be the template for homosexual wedlock. Once equipped with marriage's "entitlements and entanglements," Jonathan Rauch predicted in his book "Gay Marriage: Why It Is Good for Gays, Good for Straights, and Good for America," "same-sex relationships will continue to move toward both durability and exclusivity." At the same time, the example of gay couples taking vows will strengthen "marriage's status as the gold standard for committed relationships."

More perfect unions

At the other end of the spectrum from Rauch's gay conservatism are the liberationists, who hope that gay marriage will help knock marriage off its cultural pedestal altogether. To liberationists, a gay rights movement that ends up reaffirming a "gold standard" for relationships will have failed in its deeper mission — which Columbia law professor Katherine M. Franke recently summarized in a Times Op-Ed article as the quest for "greater freedom than can be found in the one-size-fits-all rules of marriage." That's the kind of argument that makes social conservatives worry about polygamy (and worse). But liberationism has been gradually marginalized in the gay community over the last two decades, and gay conservatism seems to have largely carried the day. The desire to be included in an existing institution has proved stronger than the desire to eliminate every institutional constraint.

Still, there's a third vision that's worth pondering — neither

conservative nor liberationist, but a little bit of both. This vision embraces the institution of marriage, rather than seeking to overthrow it. But it also hints that the example of same-sex unions might partially transform marriage from within, creating greater institutional flexibility — particularly sexual flexibility — for straight and gay spouses alike.

This idea is most prominently associated with Dan Savage, the prolific author, activist and sex columnist who was profiled in Sunday's Times Magazine. Savage is strongly pro-marriage, but he thinks the institution is weighed down by unrealistic cultural expectations about monogamy. Better, he suggests, to define marriage simply as a pact of mutual love and care, and leave all

the other rules to be negotiated depending on the couple. The trouble is that straight culture already experimented with exactly this kind of model, with disastrous results.

Forty years ago, Savage's perspective temporarily took upper-middle-class America by storm. In the mid-1970s, only 51 percent of well-educated Americans agreed that adultery was always wrong. But far from being strengthened by this outbreak of realism, their marriages went on to dissolve in record numbers.

This trend eventually reversed itself. Heterosexual marriage has had a tough few decades, but its one success story is the declining divorce rate among the upper middle class. This decline, tellingly, has gone hand in hand with steadily rising disapproval of adultery. There's a lesson here. Institutions tend to be strongest when they make significant moral demands, and weaker when they pre-emptively accommodate themselves to human nature.

Critics of gay marriage see this as one of the great dangers in severing the link between marriage and the two realities — gender difference and procreation — that it originally evolved to address. A successful marital culture depends not only on a general ideal of love and commitment, but on specific promises, exclusions and taboos. And the less specific and more inclusive an institution becomes, the more likely people are to approach it casually, if they enter it at all.

In courts and now legislatures, this has been a losing argument. But as gay New Yorkers ponder what they want their marriages to mean, they should consider one of its implications: The hardest promises to keep are often the ones that keep people together. □

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